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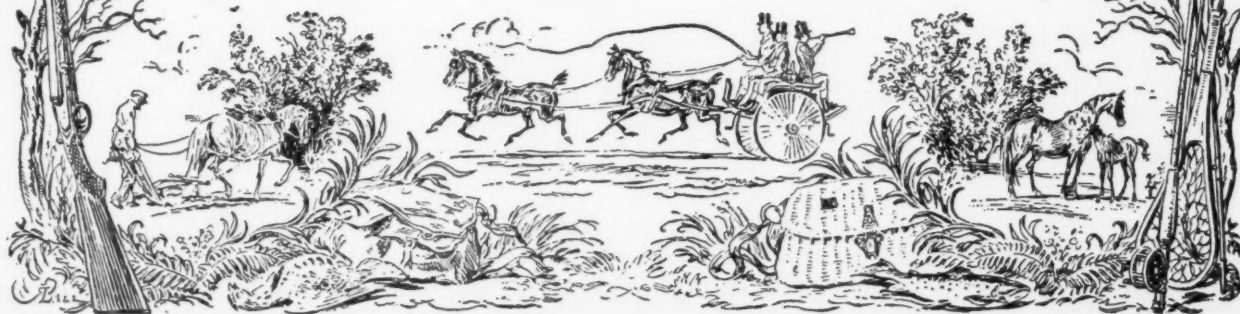
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## Letters.....

### Building Show Jumps

Dear Sir:

Compliments are certainly in order for the management of the Horse Show of this year's Chicago International for the wonderful job in building the new jumps for Hunting and Jumping Classes. This writer is not a regular correspondent of The Chronicle, but was moved to this expression after hearing praise for the new fences from so many varied sources.

Typical of the progressiveness of Mr. William Wood Prince, the old jumps were replaced with entirely new fixtures in an attempt to improve an already excellent Hunter-Jumper Division in the week-long show program. Under the guidance of William J. O'Connor, celebrating his fiftieth year at the International, the management did the job "up brown". It sought the counsel of Mr. Arthur McCashin of Pluckemin, New Jersey, and Mr. B. E. Hopper of Northfield, Illinois, who have for so many years judged the Hunter and Jumper events at this show. These men, with excellent cooperation from the officials and shops of the Chicago Stockyards Company, came up with plans and drawings of jumps which in their beauty and massiveness drew breath and favorable comment from the spectators and opened the eyes of the exhibitors, riders and their jumping horses. So many individuals remarked how wonderful it would be if show managers across the country could see these jumps and also the excellent jumping that resulted because of them.

The sturdiness of timber used in these fences requires an expenditure of capital which may preclude the small show from doing the job all at one time. However, every show can add one or two new jumps each year - or one or two sets of standards. The Chicago jumps have a life of a minimum of ten years, and when amortized over this period the actual annual cost to the show is very little.

Now what will jumps built in the manner of the International's jumps avail a show? First, they are decorative, in fact, beautiful. Their colors and variety make the ring attractive and denote the caliber of the show. Each year they will be cleaned or repainted so as to continue to give the bright and attractive appearance. Secondly, the massive and solid appearance of such jumps bring about improved jumping performances. It must be emphasized that the jumps must be placed properly, with attention to proper distances between the fences. Also consideration must be given to the ring conditions in such placement. Thirdly and finally, and most important of all, the combination of the two points above results in a pleased public

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## ST. LUKE

The birth of Jesus Christ according to the Gospel of Saint Luke, Chapter two: And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the City of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David: To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped

him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

# BREEDING AND Racing

REVIEW OF THE WEEK

## American Purchases At Newmarket

Only four of the ten lots consigned by American owner Laudy Lawrence to the Newmarket December Sales reached their reserve, but these four realized a total of \$100,548, including the \$49,980 paid by the Irish Friarstown Stud for Vertige, a 5-year-old mare by Precipitation out of Perfume II, who is believed in foal to Sicambre, Taylor Hardin of Newstead Farm, Upperville, Virginia, purchased for \$11,760, a colt foal by Palestine, out of Vertige. Godolphin Darley, acting on behalf of Townsend Martin, of New York, bought Good Earth II, a 7-year-old mare by Coastal Traffic, out of O'Land, bred to Tantieme, for \$12,348. Clarence Hailey, of Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, purchased for \$9,114, a colt foal by Niccolo Del Arca out of the \*Bernborough mare Monkeyshines, who is the dam of the 1956 Irish Oaks winner, Garden State, with the intention of exporting him to the United States. Morris H. Dixon of Newtown Square, Penna., paid \$6,468 for the 3-year-old colt, The Saint, winner of five races.

At the second session, Larry MacPhail's Glenangus Stud, Bel Air, Maryland, paid \$10,290 for the 11-year-old mare Idle Curiosity, by Bois Roussel, out of Fairetta; \$13,818 for a colt foal by Supreme Court out of Welsh Harp, daughter of the English Oaks winner, Commotion; and \$5,880 for the colt foal by Abernant out of the high-class winner and producer Unknown Quantity. The two foals are expected to be resold at next summer's Saratoga Sales, Humphrey S. Finney, president of the Fasig-Tipton Company, of New York, bought for \$7,350 the 9-year-old mare Macrocarpa, by Atout Maitre, out of Capratica, bred to \*Tulyar, for a Texas client. Another Texan, Fred Turner, Jr., purchased for \$6,762 a colt foal by Tudor Minstrel out of Auld Alliance. King Bruce winner of the 1955 Stewards Cup at Goodwood, failed to reach his reserve price but was bought privately by the London Bloodstock Agency for \$17,640 and is destined to race in the U. S. Through the Anglo Irish Agency, William Gilmore of California, purchased for \$19,992 the 4-year-old Tall Chief, winner this year over hurdles and also of the Grand Prix de Deauville. Keith Freeman, acting for H. J. Damm, of Indianapolis, purchased for \$7,644 the 14-year-old mare Fairvale, by Fairford, out of Vallemia.

At the third session, Clarence Hailey, acting for an unknown American client,

(Editor's Note: The Christmas mail rush evidently delayed Raleigh Burroughs' column Racing Review. It will be carried in a forthcoming issue.)

purchased for \$13,818 a colt foal by Court Martial out of Alrabia, by \*Blenheim II. Max Gluck's Elmendorf Farm, through the Anglo Irish Bloodstock Agency, bought for \$8,820 the 5-year-old mare Luna Rosa, by Nearco, out of Saucy Sal, in foal to Tenerani, sire of Ribot. Jim Ryan, of Unionville, Pennsylvania, unable to attend the sales because of a recent operation, made use of the London Bloodstock Agency in purchasing from Lord Rosebery for \$23,520 the 12-year-old mare Mermaid, by Blue Peter, out of Sonsie Wench, in foal to Abernant.

In the course of the fourth day, Glenangus Farm, of Bel Air, Maryland, purchased for \$9,408 a bay colt by Zucchero, out of Khatyia; for \$11,172 a chestnut filly by Honeyway, out of Circassia; and for \$17,640 the sprinting filly Ephemeral, by Golden Cloud out of Nonsense. Acting on behalf of an undisclosed American client the London Bloodstock Agency purchased for \$17,640 the 4-year-old mare Lucy Luf-ton, by Nimbus, out of Barchester, in foal to Luminary.

## NO JUMPING RACES AT BELMONT

### SPRING MEETING

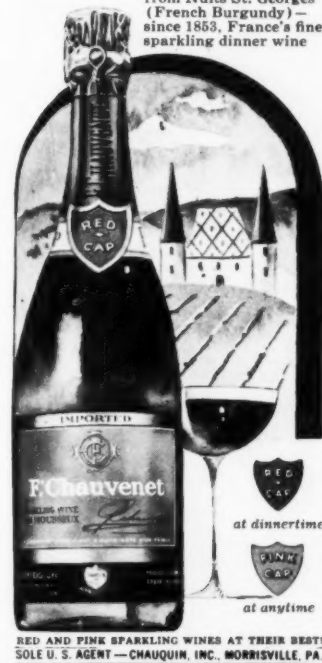
The Greater New York Association has announced that steeplechasing and hurdle racing will not be held at Belmont Park during the spring meeting in 1957. The sport through the field has been eliminated from the spring schedule because of construction now underway on the Belmont infield course to provide the grass strip with banked turns. The work is part of the Greater New York Association's general improvement plan for New York tracks.

The GNYA said that it is hoped the grass course project will be completed in time to resume 'chasing and hurdle events at the Belmont fall session next year, but, at any rate, the turf strip definitely will not be safe for this type of racing at the spring meeting.

However, the GNYA said, it expects to "take up the slack to a major degree" at the Saratoga meeting in August and the Belmont fall meet, increasing overnight purses so that the overall distribution for the jumpers will be approximately the same as the 1956 season. Some of the spring stakes events also may be transferred to the Saratoga session and the fall meeting at Belmont.

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## Major Track Steeplechasing In 1956

John E. Cooper

For the past several years The Chronicle has been kind enough to permit me to express my thoughts on the Steeplechase scene at the major tracks. This year I do so with a certain amount of trepidation, because I feel there will be a considerable difference of opinion in informed quarters about the merits of a number of campaigners and the leaders of their respective divisions.

### Neji - Steeplechaser of the Year

I am going to start by saying that my selection as Steeplechaser of the Year is Mrs. Ogden Phipps' Neji. About a week ago a poll of the writers on the Racing Form papers made their selection, and Shipboard received the nod. Undoubtedly in the ranks of many Steeplechase people, Shipboard will also be their choice for

than the twenty-five-year old track record set by Sydney in 1931 under a mere 130 lbs. Behind him, Carthage, King Commander, Prince Regent and His Boots finished in the order named. While King Commander went wrong in this race, Carthage and Prince Regent at the time were top competition, particularly when one considers that Neji was giving away chunks of weight to all in the field except King Commander to whom he only conceded one pound.

In his next start, which was in the two-mile Georgetown Steeplechase Handicap at Delaware Park, Neji was asked to carry the almost unheard of burden of 169 lbs. He finished third to Ring o'Roses, to whom he conceded 26 lbs., and Carafar, under 152 lbs., beaten three and a half lengths for all the money. This was a fast race. The time of 3:37 constituting a 1956 track record for

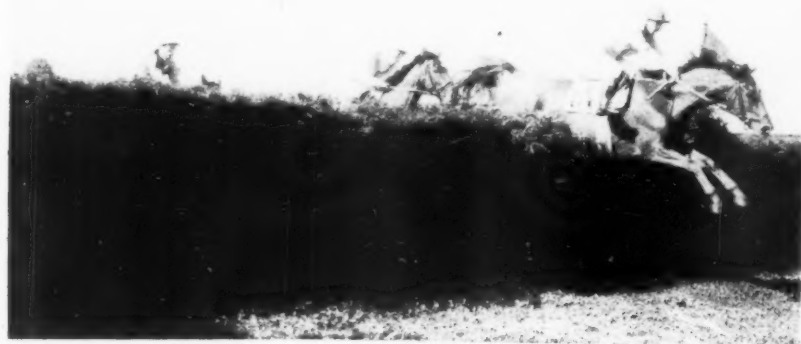
the weight. Entered as a new track record this year, because of the change in jumps, it is interesting to note that Neji's time of 4:46 2/5 was only two and two-fifths seconds off the mark set by Jam in 1952 over the old course, carrying 152 lbs.

Neji's final two starts were over hurdles, and most people will agree that it is rather a disadvantage to ask a 'chaser to adapt his style of jumping and run a shorter distance over hurdles. Nonetheless, Neji did this, and in the first of the two races he carried 162 lbs., and was beaten a length and a quarter by the four-year-old Flying Fury, who only carried 134 lbs. The same result was true in the Midsummer, where Neji carried 164 lbs. to Flying Fury's 143 lbs., and here the four-year-old's winning margin was two and a half lengths. Neji was badly cut down early in the race, but gamely continued on notwithstanding.

### Shipboard

Now to analyse Shipboard's record. His initial start was in the two mile Broad Hollow Steeplechase Handicap at Belmont Park in September. In this race he carried 164 lbs., and reached the wire a nose in front of Basilia, and another length and a half in front of Bavaria. Five other horses were among the also rans including Ring o' Roses, Morpheus and Ancestor. This was a good race for Shipboard and his winning margin could have been further had Albert

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SHIPBOARD (#1A) taking a jump in the Broad Hollow Steeplechase Handicap, at Belmont Park, which he won. BAVARIA (#4) finished 3rd; and BASILIA (#3) finished 2nd. (Morgan Photo)

Steeplechaser of the Year. It is a rather close decision, and I will try to explain why I chose Neji.

Reaching the post only five times during the season before a leg injury sidelined him following the running of the Midsummer Hurdle at Monmouth Park, Neji scored on two occasions - was third once, and then placed behind Flying Fury in two races over hurdles. In contrast, Shipboard only ran three times, winning his first two outs and then placing to Ancestor in the Temple Gwathmey. One of his two victories was, of course, in the very important and testing three mile Grand National. Both horses carried high weights in all their races. Both horses won their initial races of the year, and each ran second in their final outing. In some ways the similarity ends here. Neji's 1956 debut was in the two and a half mile Meadow Brook Steeplechase Handicap, in which he carried 165 lbs. He reached the end of this journey in 4:39 4/5, just 4/5 of a second slower

than the Delaware Park course. At the time Ring o'Roses was at the top of his form, and it is interesting to note that the old track mark set over the so-called "stake course", with jumps slightly larger than they were in 1956, was 3:40 4/5 seconds.

The Indian River at two and a half miles closed Delaware Park's Steeplechase program, and was probably the outstanding 'chase of the year, from the view point of quality, contest and excitement. The winner of this race was Neji, who carried 168 lbs. across the wire, a nose in front of Carthage and Caste. Six other of the best 'chasers in training at the time were among the also rans. It was in this race that Sundowner, running loose through the field, collided with Carafar causing Carafar to go down while setting the pace. With some racing luck and also due to the skill of his rider, Dooley Adams, Neji averted colliding with Sundowner, but did lose ground in the attempt, so that his win was all the more remarkable considering

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NEJI (#1) taking the last fence in The Meadow Brook Steeplechase Handicap at Belmont; KING COMMANDER (#2); and CARTHAGE (#3). At the finish it was Neji, Carthage and King Commander.  
(Bert Morgan Photo)

## 1956 Steeplechasing

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Foot, his rider, chosen to make it so. From a time point-of-view, the three minutes and forty-seven seconds over a soft track was almost eight seconds off the course record.

In the Grand National, Shipboard again carried 164 lbs., and had the race at his mercy when his rider sent him to the lead. He won by twelve lengths easily, and his time of five minutes fifty and one-fifth seconds was approximately eleven seconds off the course record. However, the contention in this race, in contrast to some of the previous runnings of the National, was not of the highest order, and while Shipboard conceded plenty of weight to his opposition, anything short of an easy win would have not entitled him to a position as one of the leading 'chasers' of the past few years.

Major track 'chasing came to a close with the running of the \$50,000 Temple Gwathmey at two and a half miles on the second day of the United Hunts meeting. It was in this race that Shipboard disappointed by running second to Ancestor. He carried 168 lbs., in contrast to the winner's 149 lbs. It was a good race for Ancestor; in fact, in all probability the best race of his career. However, when Albert Foot asked Shipboard the question entering the far side the last time around, Shipboard did not respond effectively. Several fences later, just short of the far turn, Shipboard still did not appear likely to be in the money. Finally rounding into the homestretch, he began running like a champion, overtook tired horses but finished twelve lengths behind Ancestor. In some quarters, Shipboard's failure in the Temple Gwathmey has been ascribed to his condition; that he had not been properly prepared for this race, coming to hand as he did rather late in the season. We cannot agree with this reasoning, for in the Broad Hollow his race did not appear to be a hard one, even though

his winning margin was very small, nor did his race in the Grand National appear to be a knockout one. If Shipboard were out of condition, why was it possible for him to close so well in the late stages of the Gwathmey? His trainer, Ray Woolfe, had done a superb job of bringing Shipboard up to racing condition. The horse looked well, acted well, and to all outward signs was in top condition.

To sum up, I feel that Neji met slightly better opposition - that he too carried high weights - took racing luck in his stride, and was able to run close to track record time. Call it a "photo finish" with the "eye of this camer" giving Neji the nod.

### The Racing Year

Due to a switch-over in railroad facilities serving Aqueduct, the Queens County track did not operate during the spring. For other reasons it was also dark in the fall

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of the year. Belmont Park opened on Monday, May 14th, a much later date than has been the case in previous years, and ran through the first week in July. This meant direct competition with Delaware Park in the matter of steeplechasing. The matter was resolved by Belmont Park running steeplechase and hurdle races for four weeks through the first week in June, at which point Delaware Park continued and ran jumping races through the close of their meeting in early July.

### Belmont

Infield racing during Belmont's four weeks in the spring was probably the best of the year anywhere. Higher purses and larger fields were the order of the day. In fact, right to the close of the jumping season at Belmont, it was necessary to have a "preferred" list, so far as the hurdle horses were concerned. During the meeting the winner's circle was graced by most of the best jumpers in training including Ring o' Roses, Montadet, Policeman Day, Prince Regent, King Commander, Caste, Marso, Landscaping, Tarboots, Neji and Colorado Prince. Unfortunately many of these winners and others which ran close up were out of competition a short while later due to varying injuries from racing and training. Four of the most notable of these were King Commander, Prince Regent, Montadet and Marso.

### Delaware

When Delaware Park opened its gate for Steeplechasing on Monday, June 11th, the jumping courses were considerably changed from previous years. The old stakes course was replaced with jumps of only slightly less dimensions, but along side was a brand new hurdle course utilizing the present type hurdles, which have been used successfully during the past few years at other major tracks. The small brush

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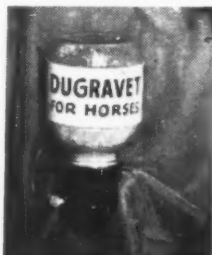
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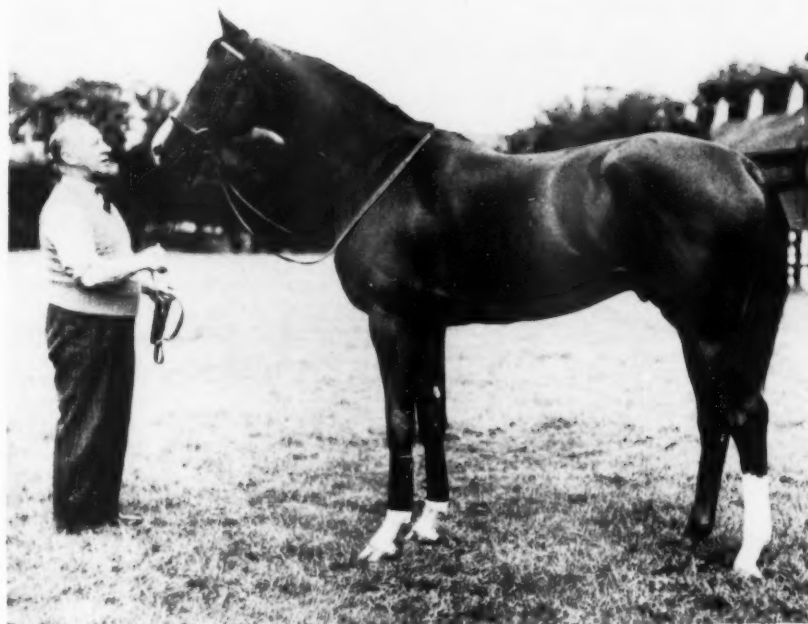
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# The Clubhouse Turn



## INTERNATIONAL RACING AT HIALEAH

Foreign-bred candidates for the stakes races to be run this winter at Hialeah, Florida, include horses from England, Ireland, Australia, Argentina, France, Canada, Chile and the British West Indies.

## TROPICAL COMEBACKS

Boston Doge came up to Belmont Park in the spring of 1955 as a three-year-old with an unbeaten string of 8 wins including the 1954 Newport Stakes at Narragansett (for two-year-olds) and the 1955 Bahamas at Hialeah. In the latter, he beat Nance's Lad among others. He also won the 1955 Experimental Free Handicap. In that one he beat Sailor and Cup Man giving them 10 and 3 pounds respectively. His ninth race was his first loss. At level weights, he ran third to Nance's Lad in the Swift over a drying-out track. Later on, he picked up a second somewhere and then disappeared. Well, Boston Doge is back in training at Tropical Park and they say he is all ready to start his comeback. From where he is coming back, I do not know, but I am glad he is because he always seemed to me to be a good, honest runner.

Another good performer who is going to try to make a comeback at Tropical is Tony Despirito. You will recall that, after making a courageous return to riding following his bad spill in the Beldame at Aqueduct, Tony got it again down in Maryland last spring and has been out of action ever since. Tony has been okayed by Dr. Alexander Kaye and will be in action from the opening gun of the meeting. Coming back after one bad spill takes courage. Coming back after two spills must take courage increased at least geometrically. I know everybody will be hoping for a little good luck for Tony this time around. He's used up his share of bad.

—R. J. Clark

## TATAN BEST SOUTH AMERICAN

### RACE HORSE

By winning the Carlos Pellegrini Classic at 15 furlongs with ease, Tatan (The Yuvaraj-Valkyrie) has established himself as the best horse in training in South America. Tatan is expected to race at Hialeah Park, Florida, this winter.

## RECORD N. Y. RACING TAX

Pari-mutuel revenue from New York race tracks reached a new high of \$72,755,034 in 1956, a figure which may be slightly increased depending upon the disposition of certain harness track construction funds. \$34,177,361 was derived from Thoroughbred tracks and \$27,474,796 from harness tracks.

## GAS RATIONING

### HURTS FRENCH BETTING

Although gas rationing has not affected to any marked extent the amount bet on the races by Parisians, the sums bet through the small official offices and throughout the provinces, which comprise about half the total amount bet in France, is expected to be sharply affected. France has 381 flat and jumping courses in operation throughout the year.

## \*SKINDLES HOTEL HEADS

### IRISH HANDICAP

The 2-year-old \*Skindles Hotel, recently imported to this country by Stephen (Laddy) Sandord, heads the Irish Free Handicap with 142 pounds. Two other recent American importations, Isle of Shine and Martini have been assigned 130 pounds, while London Scottish and Ampleforth, owned by Miss E. R. Sears of Boston, are given 129 pounds and 128 pounds respectively.

## WAGERING PER CAPITA

Speaking at the 15th annual convention of the TRA at Miami, Florida, Ogden Phipps, vice chairman of The Jockey Club, outlined studies made for the Greater New York Association by Leidesdorf and Company, pointing out wagering per capita (the total handle divided by the total attendance) as the most significant statistic in weighing the progress of betting. He cited figures from New York and New Jersey indicating an immediate recession in betting following an increase in the amount of the take out.

## EBELHARDT ON PURSES

Speaking at the 15th annual TRA convention, Paul Ebelhardt, manager of Calumet Farm, taking the American Racing Manual figures 1952-1955, pointed out that total purse distribution fell some \$26,000,000 short of meeting the expenses involved in training the horses competing at American race tracks, using a base figure of \$4,000 per horse. This figure does not include such items as jockey fees, stakes nominations, and veterinarian bills. Mr. Ebelhardt pointed out that such a situation is altogether inequitable.

## STEWART PRESIDENT OF TRA

James Stewart, vice-president and director of racing at Hollywood Park, California, was elected president of the Thoroughbred Racing Associations at its 15th annual convention at Miami Beach, Florida. Carleton F. Burke, director of racing at Santa Anita Park, California, was re-elected as vice-president. Judge James E. Dooley, of Narragansett Park, continues as secretary and John A. Morris, former president of Jamaica, as treasurer. Spencer J. Drayton remains as executive secretary and as president of the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau. Stewart is the first man not a race track president to be elected to this office. He is particularly interested in expansion of TRA's public relations and legislative programs.

## TYSON'S CHILEAN IMPORTS

Jay R. Tyson, Jr., West Coast horse broker, who also acts as Fasig-Tipton's Man Friday in the West, recently stopped at Ft. Worth, Texas en route to his home from Miami. He arrived in Miami several days ago from Chile, South America, along with a couple of Chilean gallopers, a three-year-old colt and a four-year-old mare, part of the group he acquired some weeks ago.

Tyson timed his arrangements so that he was able to be on hand to inspect the shipment, which after resting overnight at the Haltom City Veterinary Hospital, left Fort Worth Sunday before daylight for the Coast.

B. B.

## ARGENTINE IMPORTS QUICK WINNERS

Of the ten horses flown to Bay Meadows, California from Argentina in September, eight have gone to the post, five have won and two others have placed. \*Holandes II, a 3-year-old has beaten Bobby Brocato and later finished second to him in track record time. Seven of the ten have been sold, and \$75,000 has been refused for \*Holandes II. Alberto Sanchez Morteo, agent for the Argentine sellers, plans to return in January with another plane load of 12.



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1945	Flag Raising	Brushup	

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- ✓ WAR DAUBER had both speed and stamina.
- ✓ WAR DAUBER retired absolutely sound.
- ✓ WAR DAUBER won 5 races as a 10 year old from distances of 3/4 miles up to and including 1 5/16 Endurance Handicap.
- ✓ WAR DAUBER 16.1 hands with quality conformation.
- ✓ WAR DAUBER's first and only foal was very successfully shown in foal classes.
- ✓ WAR DAUBER offers bargain Stud Fee.
- ✓ WAR DAUBER's sire DAUBER was 2nd in the Kentucky Derby, 2nd in the Belmont Stakes and 1st in the Preakness.
- ✓ WAR DAUBER's dam FLAG RAISING is a 3/4 sister in blood to War Admiral.

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# News from the STUDS

## CANADA

### CANADIAN CHAMP

Bill Beasley Stable's Canadian Champ (Windfields-Bolesteo, by Filisteo) bred by E. P. Taylor was the unanimous selection of 14 sports writers as Canada's Horse of the Year 1956. Mr. Taylor, who annually puts a price on all his yearlings and invites the public to buy up to a certain number, sold Canadian Champ for \$7,500.

### \*RUSTOM SIRDAR TO CANADA

Tinkham Veale II's \*Rustom Sirdar (Nearco-Mrs. Rustom, by Blandford) is being moved from C. O. Ferguson's White Marsh Stock Farm, Mt. Airy, Maryland, to Dr. J. B. Chassell's Springbrook Farm, Brampton, Ontario, where he will make the 1957 season.

## KENTUCKY

### \*EUBULIDES TO MADDEN

Lexington, Ky. - Dr. A. T. Pessin has announced that his \*Eubulides (\*My Babu-Candaules), a leading 2-year-old of 1954 in England, will enter the stud in 1957 under the management of Preston Madden. His fee will be \$500 live foal. F.T.P.

### SON OF \*PETER FLOWER

Recently purchased for America is one of the very small first crop left in Britain by \*Peter Flower before he was bought to stand at Elmendorf Farm. This is his winning son Peter Chain, a colt out of the Trigo mare Gold Chain.

Trained at Newmarket by Harvey Leader, Peter Chain won the Abingdon Mile Nursery at his local course on his last appearance on the track at the beginning of October. Favorite in a field of twenty runners, he scored by a length under 112 lbs. P. T.-C.

### BENNETT PURCHASES

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bennett of Sherwood Farm, Lexington, Kentucky, have recently purchased from E. Barry Ryan the broodmares Royal Hostess (full sister to Your Host) in foal to Mr. Busher and Doggin It in foal to Hill Prince. Following the sale at Keeneland, the mares Bellesoeur (who topped the sale at \$57,000) and La Liberte, purchased from the Laudy Lawrence dispersal by L. P. Doherty of the Stallion Station as Agent for an undisclosed buyer, were moved to the Bennett Farm where they are now being boarded.

## SHAPES AND SIZES

Dr. William R. McGhee of Lexington, Kentucky, a week after Nashua's retirement, took a series of measurements of that horse which "The Blood-Horse" has recently published together with measurements of some of the greats of former years. Nashua as a 4-year-old weighs 1,090 while Man o' War as a 3-year-old weighed 1,150. Nashua stands 66-1/2" at the withers compared with 65-5/8" for Man o' War, 63-1/4" for \*Tulyar and 61" for American Eclipse, who was measured in 1823. Nashua's body length is 62-1/2" as compared with 65-3/4" for American Eclipse. The girth for the four horses is respectively 73-1/4", 71-3/4", 70" and 74", the latter figure probably being explained by the fact that American Eclipse was then 9 years old. Nashua has forearm and cannon bone circumferences of 19" and 8" as compared with corresponding measurements for American Eclipse of 21-1/2" and 7-3/4". Both horses measure the same - 37-1/2" - from point of hip to point of hock, but \*Tulyar exceeds them both with a measure of 40".

## FISHERMAN TO STUD

C. V. Whitney's home-bred Fisherman (Phalanx-Crawfish, by Halcyon), has been retired to stud. During four seasons this gallant little horse won \$436,050 and eleven stakes, being the only American winner

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of the Washington, D. C., International. In the recent Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp near Paris, he was sent out to make pace for his stablemate, Career Boy, and led throughout the first mile over a heavy track. In 1957 he will be bred to ten of the best Whitney mares and will stand at a fee of \$500 to an additional ten selected mares.

## SHEILAS REWARD TO CRESTWOOD

Mrs. Louis Lazare's Sheilas Reward (Reaping Reward-Smart Sheila, by Jamestown), voted the Best Sprinter of the Years 1950 and 1951, recently arrived at Mrs. Thomas C. Piatt's Crestwood Farm, Lexington, Kentucky, where he will make the season of 1957. He previously made the seasons 1953-1956 at Woodland Farm, Red Bank, New Jersey.

## PIMLICO SPECIAL TRIO

The last three winners of the Pimlico Special are to stand as stallions at John W. Galbreath's Darby Dan Farm near Lexington, Kentucky. The 1954 winner Helioscope is already there; Sailor, winner in 1955, will go to Darby Dan next season; and Mrs. Galbreath's Summer Tan will be retired to Darby Dan when his racing days are over.

## LITTLE PACHE'S HALF BROTHER

C. E. Buckley, owner of Hiddenaway Farm, Lexington, has a weanling half brother, by Model Cadet, to Little Pache, the Apache three-year-old filly who recently scored a 187-10 upset over her seniors in the \$15,000-added Gallorette Stakes. The dam, Little Spooky, is in foal to Pet Bully. Mr. Buckley sold Little Pache at Keeneland as a yearling for \$1,500. She now races for Ellis Stable. F.T.P.

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Presentation of the Exterminator Handicap Trophy at Pimlico, won by Christiana Stables RICCI TAVI - Mrs. H. Lunger; trainer H. S. Clark, in back; Mr. Lunger; A. Kirkland; and Jacob France, Mr. & Mrs. Lunger own Christiana Stables. The Lunger children also participated in the ceremony. (Jerry Frutkoff Photo)



SOUTH CAROLINA

**GUILLOTINE TO PRICKETT FARM**

Greentree Stud, Inc., recently leased the stallion Guillotine, who has been standing at the Nuckols Brothers' Hurstland Farm, Midway, Ky., to McIver and Isaac Prickett of Fort Motte, S. C.

Full brother to Bymeabond and Blue Border, and half brother, by Bimelech, to Ruddy, Guillotine won the Belmont Futurity, Carter, Fall Highweight and Lincoln's Birthday Handicaps, and \$171,085. He was unplaced only eight times in 30 starts.

His first foals are scoring at two this season. F. T. P.

TEXAS

**BEAU MAX TO KENTUCKY**

Beau Max, who has been standing at Robert J. Kleberg, Jr.'s King Ranch, Kingsville, Ky., will be moved for the 1957

Moore plans to enter the colt in the 1957 Saratoga Yearling Sales.

**PHIPPS LEASE TO GUGGENHEIM**

John S. Phipps, who maintains a stud farm at The Plains, Virginia and who boards his mares at Claiborne Farm, Paris, Kentucky, has leased to Harry F. Guggenheim of the Cain Hoy Stable, eight broodmares for the season 1957, including Be Faithful, 1942, (Bimelech-Bloodroot, by Blue Larkspur), dam of S W Lalun and in foal to \*Ambiorix; Sicily, 1942, (Reaping Reward-Gino Patty, by \*Gino) dam of S W Flying Fury and in foal to \*Princequillo; Spotted Beauty, 1941, (Man o' War-Silver Beauty, by \*Stefan the Great), dam of S W Royal Blood; Planetoid, 1934, (Ariel-La Chica, by Sweep), dam of S W Grey Flight and in foal to \*Djeddah; Greek Blond, 1946, (\*Helio-polis-Peroxide by High Quest), in foal to \*Royal Charger; Lithe, 1946, (\*Pharamond II-Alcibiades, by Supremus), dam of Supple and in foal to \*Nasrullah; Nautch Danc-

She has been largely a producer of colts and Mr. Chenery has only two of her daughters at stud which are by Bossuet and \*Flushing II.

LLANGOLLEN

Porterhouse's full brother, a bay colt foaled in Ireland and shipped to this country last February, has been named Llangollen by his owner Mrs. M. E. Lunn of Llangollen Farm, Upperville, Virginia.

**VAN CLIEF BUYS FRENCH MARE**

Daniel G. Van Clief of the Nydris Stud, Esmont, Virginia, has purchased the 5-year-old stakes winning mare Puerta del Sol (Cranach-Fille de Soleil), who at three won the Prix des Lilas at Longchamp and was second to Marcel Boussac's Macip in the Prix Kergorlay. Fille de Soleil is also the dam of the leading sire Sunny Boy and half-sister to the Cambridgeshire winner Esquire. Puerta del Sol is in foal to \*My Babu and will be bred next season to Never Say Die.



(RIGHT) - The Turf Club at the Hipodromo Presidente Remon recently completed (Spring 1956) racing plant near Panama City.



(LEFT) - The Clubhouse Grandstand - Note inside training track. (Marshall Hawkins Photos)

season to the King Ranch Farm, Lexington, Ky. There the sire of Speed Rouser, Memo, Brujaria and Beta Ray will have in his book some of the top King Ranch mares, including the \$295,155 earner But Why Not and Stymie's dam Stop Watch.

Full brother to Prophets Thumb, Beau Max is a half brother, by Bull Lea, to Better Self, Riverina and Mac Bea. F.T.P.



VIRGINIA

**\*BADOURA TO HIGH HOPE**

Recently arrived at Mrs. Marie A. Moore's High Hope Farm, The Plains, Va., is the 11-year-old mare \*Badoura (Colorado Kid-Fatimite, by \*Mahmoud) and her weanling colt by \*Nasrullah, Mrs.

er, 1947, (\*Mahmoud-Sun Dancer, by \*Sun Briar), in foal to \*Nirgal; and Spinning Top, 1950, (Bull Lea-Whirlabout, by Pompey), in foal to \*Alibhai.

**VAN CLIEF TEST CASE**

In 1955, Danny Van Clief's Nydris Stud, Esmont, Va., sold in Maryland, Leading Home, with the stipulation that she was to be "used for agricultural purposes." It was claimed that this transaction was subject to the sales tax. The Maryland Court of Appeals, however, has ruled that the sale of a former race horse as a broodmare is not subject to the sales tax, as are horses in training sold privately or in claiming races.

HILDENE

C. T. Chenery's great broodmare Hildene, the dam of the stakes winners Hill Prince, Third Brother, Prince Hill and Mango Hick, is currently in foal to Tom Fool and has a colt at foot by Turn To.

VERMONT

**MILL RIVER STUD FARM**

While visiting in Vermont recently I stopped off at Mrs. John F. C. Bryce's 2000 acre Mill River Stud Farm at South Arlington. Set way back in the mountains and reached only by crossing into New York State and back into Vermont, the Farm seems an ideal location for the development of breeding stock. Manager Jack Grace took us on a tour of the place, stopping briefly to see the broodmare band, most of which are now in foal to the Farm's English-bred stud, \*North Carolina. Down in the lower pastures three weanlings, all \*North Carolina proteges, moved about in appreciation of the nip of the New England air. Finally, Mr. Grace guided us toward Octagonal, three-year-old winner of five races on the flat last year, and currently loafing in the paddock prior to his departure for Camden. Fencepost



## Wolver Baker

Morgan Wing, Jr.

In May 1948 a wedding present arrived at Quansett Farm, Westport, Mass. for Anne Vogels and Morgan Wing, Jr. whose marriage took place in June. The wedding present was a couple of dog hounds from C. Oliver Iselin, Jr., Master of the Wolver Beagles, Middleburg, Va. One of these dogs was Wolver Baker. This couple of beagles were shortly supplemented by a couple of excellent bitches from the late Mr. Richard V. N. Gambrill's Vernon Somerset Beagles, and beagles from the Waldingfield, Liseter, Sir Sister, Don Valley and Buckram packs so that by

through the kindness of Becky Trimpi, now Mrs. David B. Sharp, Jr., at her Nantucket Harriers - now Beagle kennels.

The beagles had many a good run on the Nantucket jackrabbits and were installed in their new kennel in Millbrook, N. Y. in August. By September we had picked Wolver Baker, Buckram Durham and Vernon Somerset Mystery and Mirthful as a 15" two couple pack to go to Aldie for the first participation of the Sandanona at the National Beagle Club field trials. There were 9 packs in the 15" two couple class and the Sandanona was the



WOLVER BAKER, presented to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wing, Jr., as a wedding present by C. Oliver Iselin, Jr., went on to win many championships for the Sandanona Beagles.

church time a five couple pack had been initiated, the present Sandanona Beagles, Millbrook, N. Y.

Anne Vogels was a whipper-in to the Quansett Hounds, William Almy, Jr. Master, and also whipper-in to the Waldingfield Beagles. Morgan Wing, Jr. had been Joint Master with the late John C. Baker, Jr. of the Buckram Beagles on Long Island for ten years. Everyone made certain that their interest in beagles would have no elapsed time. The colors yellow with grey piping for the Sandanona pack were immediately established - the Waldingfield yellow piped with the Buckram grey, the male bowing to the female.

Wolver Baker along with the rest of the pack was taken to Nantucket Island for our honeymoon trip and were kenneled

last down. We had a memorable driving run for several minutes to a kill led by Wolver Baker to win the Wheatley Frantic Cup. When the trophy was presented by Josiah H. Child there was a wide grin on the face of Ollie Iselin and a speech by Allen Snowdon that he guessed the Masters just did not know their own hounds.

In April of 1949, the neophyte Sandanona had the audacity to win the 15" two couple class over 10 packs at Bay State with Wolver Baker again the mainstay, plus the Eugene Fisher Memorial Trophy, 50% in the field and 50% on the bench. He also helped to win this trophy again in 1951.

At the Bryn Mawr Hound Show in September 1949, Wolver Baker won the 15" entered dog class with Ollie Iselin receiv-

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ing such remarks "so you breed show hounds too".

Wolver Baker continued his outstanding consistency in the field during the growth years of the Sandanona.

His record for Sandanona is as follows:

- 1948 National-First 15" Two Couple
- 1948 National-Second Four Couple
- 1949 Bay State-First Two Couple
- 1950 Bay State-Res. 15" Two Couple
- 1950 Bay State-Second Four Couple
- 1950 Gladstone-Second 15" Two Couple
- 1950 Gladstone-Second Four Couple
- 1950 National-Res. Four Couple
- 1951 Bay State-Third 15" Two Couple
- 1951 National-Res. 15" Two Couple
- 1951 National-Second Four Couple
- 1951 Gladstone-Res. 15" Two Couple
- 1952 National-First Four Couple
- 1952 National-Sir Sister Cup

In addition to his fine hunting ability and cheerful personality, he would not run a deer or a fox. This characteristic was most helpful as often the tip off was in time to stop the pack on a deer line.

In 1953 the Old Chatham Hunt Foot Beagles were formed. They asked Sandanona if we could help with some hounds. Baker was then eight years of age. Though always in fine condition, the hunting of hare was becoming a bit rough. I told Hep and Henry Gammack that they could have Wolver Baker as a gift providing that

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## Wolver Baker

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if for any reason he did not work out well for them, he was to return to us. Wolver Baker proved to be the spark, punch, and rallying point for their pack, competing at Aldie and Bay State in 1954 and 1955.

On April 22, 1956, we went to a birthday party in his honor at Old Chatham attended by over sixty people. There was a large birthday cake on which were rabbits and "Happy Birthday Baker". Baker cut first slice and thanked his friends as follows:

"Thank you kind humans for coming to my party. Also thanks to the people and hounds who wrote letters, sent telegrams and called on the phone. The only way I can repay you is doing only what an old faithful hound can do - Train the new puppies to hunt rabbits and pass on to them the experience I have had in the past 11 years.

"I was born in Virginia and my first boss was C. Oliver Iselin, Master of the Wolver pack. In my youth I sired a lot of southern belles until there just weren't any females in the kennel that weren't related to me. To seek new pastures I came up North to Morgan and Anne Wing where I just had a heck of a good time. Lots of nice Yankee girls and fast running hares. Finally old man time caught up with me. One night Boss Morgan came to me and said "Baker, Old Chatham needs a good hound to pull their pack together - so what do you say, how about going up there and doing a job". O. K. Boss, anything you say. Can't say I like going further North being a Southern boy myself. So up I came where I have had a wonderful time - except for those cold winters. No fast hares to run and plenty of cottontails and what food. I never had it so good.

"From now on I am going to take my ease. Hunt when I feel like it, train puppies when necessary and spend a lot of time sleeping in front of the fire with my dreams. If anyone would like me to visit them anytime I should be delighted to accept. One thing I do hope is that the Masters will take me to the field trials and hound shows. At my age I can't run as fast as my daughter Melody, my granddaughter, Bashful or my great granddaughter, BusyBee, or my great grandson, Ballintra, but I do kinda like to see my friends and relations. I got lots of them around the country. Thanks for taking care of me and GOOD HUNTING."

Though Baker passed on this summer to join all our good beagle friends, we hope he will always be especially remembered by this little tribute to an exceptional hunting companion.

### SPEED OF FOXES

Apocryphal cubs there have been many speculations, calculations and discussions as to the speed a fox can travel when fresh,

empty, all out, and in a level open country. Recently a motorist told me that one night in Sept., when driving at about 50 m.p.h., he had in front of him a young fox for over a couple of miles. It did not seem to be exerting itself, but kept the same distance ahead down the middle of the road. It was caught by the headlights, and possibly bewildered by them. It did not attempt to end the pursuit until a motorcycle approached from the opposite direction. The cub then sprang into the hedge and disappeared. What speed was that cub travelling? How long could it have kept going? How much faster could it have gone if the motorist had accelerated? and what speed would a pack of hounds have had to travel to reach it?

### GROTON HUNT

Groton,  
Massachusetts.  
Established 1922.  
Recognized 1923.



The outstanding hunt of the cubbing season took place August 14. Hounds left the kennels shortly before daybreak and drew a nearby covert where they found immediately. Their pilot took them toward

the Nashua River where he turned left-handed and ran south for about a mile. Turning again to the right and circling around a large swamp he headed toward the Ayer State Game Farm, crossed the Ayer Road and headed for Fort Devens. Hounds were driving and about fifteen minutes later put their quarry to ground in the woods at the edge of Fort Devens' Airfield.

The weather was cool and clear for the Opening Meet on September 19 at the Hunt Stable. Hounds were cast near the Groton School, but the country along the Nashua River to the West Groton Road proved blank. Hounds were next cast back toward Sabine's and found within a few minutes. After several loops through the woods the fox was viewed by the first whipper-in crossing Sabine's cow pastures. Charles James circled and headed northwest, and was viewed again in another pasture, this time by the huntsman. This run lasted about an hour until the quarry finally went to ground near the edge of Dumaine Pond.

On Saturday, September 22 hounds met at Major Rowe's on Farmers Row and were cast at the lower end of the corn fields below the house where they picked up a cold line in the woods. Nothing developed so the

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huntsman took them toward the Fairgrounds where they soon found a good line and opened with a burst of music as they pushed their fox in big loops in the woods bordering the racetrack. After a glorious 25 minutes they put their fox to earth near the Nashua River. Next hounds were cast on the other side of Gratuity Road through Sheridan's Cabbage Patch where they soon found a hot line. For the next hour and a half their pilot led them a merry chase. He ran back toward the Fairgrounds, circled in the woods near the Rowe's and then straightened out again, crossing the West Groton Road. Scenting conditions were excellent. Their pilot crossed the upper pasture of Sabine's farm and then made a large circle, looping back toward the West Groton Road. Here he turned again, headed back into Sabine's lower pasture, and then he ran straight through the woods, across Hennigen's field, all the way back to the fields below the Hunt Stable; here he made another large circle and turned back toward the Danielson's. After several circles in their woods he was finally put to ground.

beautiful fall day lasted about an hour and a half.

Hounds met Monday afternoon, October 1 at the Hunt Stable. It was a real Indian Summer day, warm and sunny, and everyone thought they would only be out for a pleasant hack. However, after drawing several coverts blank, Swizzlestick (the Groton Harrier) spoke near the Groton School Boathouse. Hounds flew to him and immediately opened, pushing their fox through the woods parallel to the Boathouse Road. Shortly thereafter a handsome red was viewed by the huntsman as he crossed the Boathouse Road. Charles James swung right-handed in the woods and, going towards Sabine's, crossed a path at the feet of several Groton School boys. After circling around Sabine's pasture the fox went across Hennigen's field toward the Groton School football fields. The activity there caused him to turn back where more boys reported that the hounds almost rolled him over. However, Charles James got safely to ground in the woods.

The Groton Hunt met at Round Robin Farm in Hollis, New Hampshire on Wednesday, October 10. It was another lovely

## OLD CHATHAM HUNT FOOT BEAGLES

Old Chatham,  
New York.  
Established 1953.

The Old Chatham Hunt Club Foot Beagles opened their third season of hunting on Sunday, October 21, at Twin Brook Farm, the home of Dr. and Mrs. Otto Hofmeister in Kinderhook, N. Y.

A field of 65 turned out for the initial meet and seven and a half couple of hounds were introduced by name by Mrs. Henry M. Gammack, joint master. The pack was blessed by the Rev. Harold F. Hohly, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Kinderhook.

Albert S. Callan, Jr., joint master and huntsman, explained to the newly initiated beaglers the various calls on the beagle horn and at 3 in the afternoon the hunt started.

With the temperatures well in the 70's, heavy sweaters were soon discarded and the field appeared to be headed for the beaches rather than into the hills in search of cottontails. Scenting remained poor the first half hour until finally a "tallyho" along a hedgerow sent hounds into action.



MOORE COUNTY HOUNDS (N.C.) - (L. to r.): Mrs. W. O. Moss, Whipper-in, W. O. Moss, Joint-M. F. H.;

Dennis Crotty, Whipper in...A touch of Ireland in the background, Mickey Walsh on a roan Cob,

(Emerson Humphrey Photo)

Saturday, September 29 hounds met at Mr. Williams on Chicopee Row. They were cast behind his barn toward Priest's orchards. After drawing the woods for a few minutes Fair Play spoke authoritatively and the whole pack flew to him. Their pilot took them through the woods and up into the Paddock Hill Orchard where he swung right-handed and down the other side of the hill. He then circled back toward William's barn and in the nearby woods made two large complete circles after which he reversed his direction and made an s-shaped loop back toward Paddock Hill. For a minute it looked as though he was headed for the Chestnut Hills but he turned instead and doubled back, crossing Chicopee Row into Fitch's hayfield where he (a gray) was viewed by the huntsman. From Fitch's hayfield the fox crossed the Pepperell Road onto Tolles' fields and from there into Ware's woods where, after making a large circle, hounds put him to ground near Nod's Brook. The run on this

day with brilliant fall foliage adding to the loveliness of the scene. Hounds were cast in a small covert on the old Worcester Farm and found immediately. Their pilot ran south and crossed the state line into Massachusetts, running toward the old Prescott Homestead. Near the old brick schoolhouse he circled and ran back into New Hampshire taking a line parallel to the Ridge Road. After several miles he swung left and down over a large hill toward the Nissitissit River, taking a line toward Brookline, New Hampshire. Nexy the pilot bore south toward Pepperell, Mass., and then circled around running back into New Hampshire where, after a good two hour run hounds put their quarry to ground in Carter's Orchard. J. A. C.



Then followed one of the most unusual chases ever seen by the Old Chatham beaglers. The rabbit doubled back and hid in a woodpile. He was spied by John S. Williams, Jr., one of the whips, and the cottontail sped from his hiding place and took a position in the rear of hounds which had continued to race along the hedgerow. The rabbit pursued hounds for 30 feet and finally caught up with aging but able Don Valley Citation or better known as "Champ". The "bunny" and "Champ" ran side by side for a few more yards and then each did a "double take" and the rabbit took off and flew into a swamp in the valley below.

Just at this moment two hunters were moving through the swamp, the cottontail moved into their range - bang! Then over the hill charged 15 beagles, a horn blowing huntsman, 65 galloping beaglers which so unnerved the nimrods they failed to retrieve their dead rabbit. In a second

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it was torn to pieces by the beagles and Old Chatham had scored its first 'kill' of the season!!

Scenting improved during the late afternoon and there were several explosive runs and four rabbits were put to ground.

On the staff for the opening meet were Mr. Callan, huntsman; Mrs. Gammack, field master; Hugh Mc B. Johnston, Paul Tilson, Robert Kellam, John S. Williams, Jr. and Henry Gammack, whippers-in. In the field were two former Masters of Beagles, Capt. Sidney R. Smith, Canaan, and Orlan A. Johnson, Old Chatham.

After the meet, tea was served to some 85 guests by Mr. and Mrs. John S. Williams, Jr., bringing to an end a most delightful day in the field and a quite auspicious beginning of a new season.

#### Stork Notes

There is some speculation in Old Chatham, N.Y. that Sir Stork whodelivers beagle puppies must have set some sort of record on September 7. On that day, Old Chatham Sister whelped seven puppies, but the unusual part is that all of them are males. She had been bred to James Van Alstyne's Rolling Joe and a grandson of Nu Ra Buddy. One of the puppies has been named Sydney for Capt. Sydney R. Smith, ex-MB of the Old Chatham pack.

When Old Chatham Juno whelped seven puppies, the most handsome male was promptly named Josiah for the equally handsome Josiah Childs of the Waldingfield Beagles who gave Juno to Old Chatham.

#### RAYNHAM BEAGLES

Raynham Hall,  
Keswick,  
Virginia.  
Established 1948.

The increase of foxes reported in the Keswick country this year has been accompanied by a decrease in rabbits who have doubtless been feeding the former to some extent. The Raynham Beagles, who won the Watchman Challenge Cup for 8 couples under the handling of their huntsman Mrs. E. H. Carle at the National Beagle Trials



Opening meet of the West Hills Hunt (Calif.) - John Bowles on his Irish hunter Happy Ways and his daughter Carol Louise on her pony "Sugar Bowles".

at Aldie in 1955, have lost two couples of entered hounds during the past season. Their present strength is ten couples of entered and one couple of unentered hounds. C. Hughes, kennel huntsman and first whipper-in, has been plagued with arthritis. Nevertheless, hounds have had some good days, one of the best being at "Edgehill", the estate of the late Ed Tayloe, on November 23rd when they ran a cottontail for the best part of two hours.

Edward H. Carle,  
Hon. Secretary

#### TREWERYN BEAGLES

Berwyn,  
Pennsylvania.  
Established 1924.

After a months' hunting at Nantucket in July with 3-1/2 couples of our young entry as guests of the Nantucket Beagles, we started informal hunting on cottontail rabbits in August meeting at the kennels at 6 A. M. during the week. On Saturdays we hunted hare at 7 A. M. until Radnor Hunt opened their cubbing season in September, then switched to Sundays at 7 A. M.

Our pack was 18-1/2 couples at the start of the season including 5 couples of

young entry. This was really too many to hunt on cottontail although ideal for hare, so starting in October we divided the pack into 10 couples hunted by the Master, training for Field Trials, and 8-1/2 couples with Huntsman Jim Lamb alternating with George Hundt. All went out together on hare.

Daylight Saving Time soon caused the end of our early morning meets necessitating a change from 6 A. M. to 6 P. M. during the month of October. Deer were always a problem in hunting over cottontail country but fortunately hounds never got away on one.

The season was officially opened on October 14th at 3 P. M. at Mr. Samuel Eckerts' preceded by our annual Puppy Show. The young entry was ably judged by Stanley Reeve, Esq. and Charles Smith, Kennel Huntsman who selected REDDING by BUGLER out of VERNON SOMERSET DORA as best dog yound and MANNEQUIN by LISETER MERRY LAD out of MODEL, as best bitch. It was nice to see these two do well in the Field Trials later when REDDING ran in the pack which won the National Cup for the best 2 couple field and bench combined. Prizes were awarded to Colin Hanna as best handler, boy, and Sally Craven as best handler, girl. All puppies were shown by junior members of our field.

Sport on hare has not been especially good so far, due to a scarcity of game in some parts of the country and poor scenting conditions except for one day at Bryn Clovis when the pack left everyone except the staff and made a fast straight away three mile point to Tim Pages' place near White Horse. Now that the corn is cut we look forward to better sport.

D.B.S., Jr.

### National Beagle Club Single Stakes

November 13-18, 1956

Roger's Nipper, Sired by Bob Hall Meddler, owned by M. Sharkey, Erie, Penna., and handled by Dale Sutton, Hodgenville, Ky. finished his championship over thirty-eight 15" all age dogs.

Morris Girlie, Sired by Trail Master Mike, owned by Percy Walker, Knoxville, Tenn., and handled by Harvey Herb, Wernersville, Pa., finished her championship over sixty-eight 12" all age Bitches.

Mispillion Bobby, Sired by Hunicker's Rob Roy, owned by F. R. Grier & L. Q. Ryan, Milford, Delaware, and handled by Bob Bass, East Berlin, Pa., finished his championship over thirty-nine 13" all age dogs.

Bohnland Shiela, Sired by Kanagua's Sheik, owned by J. J. Mayer, Newton, N. J., and handled by Bob Bass, East Berlin, Pa., got her third win over thirty-two 15" bitches and is shy of her championship by 11 points.

Total entry was 177. The judging assignment was capably handled by Harold "Bubba" Estes and Harry Truxel.



Beagle run at the Dedham Show - (L. to r.): Whipper-In Carol Lyman; Whipper-In David Lewis; Mrs. John Grew, acting Master; and Whipper-In Anne Smith of the WALDINGFIELD BEAGLES. (Reynolds Photo)

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## Young Entry Books

THE PONY CLUB BOOK, PUBLISHED BY THE NALDRETT PRESS LTD. FOR THE BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY, LONDON, 1956, pp. 160, ILLUS., OBTAINABLE FROM SYDNEY SMITH, CANAAN, NEW YORK.

This is a continuation of the six volumes previously published and known as "The Pony Club Annual." It is a collection of stories, articles, journals and pictures of interest to young riders and is edited by Alan Delgado. The stories are by such well-known authors as Frances Pitt, Stella Munro, Major C. Davenport, Diana Pullein-Thompson, Naomi Mitchison and Maureen O'Donoghue. The articles include subjects such as Horses - And Stamps, The Famous Goodall Huntsmen, Pony Club Magazines About Bits and Biting, and Riding Hats. Of particular interest to readers in this country is an article written and illustrated by Anne Bullen, "Showing Ponies in America and Canada" detailing the experiences of the Bullen children at the National Horse Show and the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto in the autumn of 1955. From a technical point of view one of the most interesting articles describes the exact procedure used to televise horse shows in Britain. The illustrations include a series of photographs of pictures of gypsy life by Sir Alfred Munnings. All in all, the book makes interesting and entertaining reading for young and old.

THAT DODGER HORSE BY DELOS W. LOVELACE, ILLUSTRATED BY CLIFFORD N. GEARY, THOMAS Y. CROWELL CO., NEW YORK, \$2.50.

That Dodger Horse by Delos W. Lovelace is an extremely enjoyable book for young teenagers, both girls and boys.

Though he definitely preferred to stay at home and play baseball with his own gang, circumstances necessitated Glen's going to his uncle's large farm in Minnesota for the summer. He was resentful at first, but soon found that there was not only a good ball team there, but also "that Dodger horse". Dodger turned out to be a lovable but playful Morgan, full of tricks, and a great companion and source of pleasure to Glen all summer. Toward the end of the book Glen spends some anxious hours trying to save Dodger after the horse strained himself badly trying to pull a log off a fallen playmate of Glen's.

Clifford Geary's black and white illustrations of subjects other than horses are

excellent. However, his horse drawings leave quite a bit to be desired. I do not like illustrations that show all the wrong things about hands, seat, mouth, etc., or that either add an extra joint or leave a joint out where one should be. There are not too many illustrations of this kind, however, and the few there are do not materially detract from what is otherwise an excellent book. E. B. C.

## Pony Club Polly



Tally-Ho his gay Christmas greetings  
is neighing  
While Polly sends wishes for Holiday  
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To Pony Clubbers everywhere, together  
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"Merry Christmas to all and a very Happy  
New Year!"

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Dorothy Henderson Pinch

## Young Entry Poem

(Editor's Note: The following was received during the Christmas Season last year, but were unable to use same due to lack of space.)

Dear Sir:

During the holidays Mr. Beverley Bogert stopped off in Camden to spend Christ-

## THE CHRONICLE

mas with his daughter, Mrs. Maurice B. Flynn, and his four grand-daughters. As the girls were hunting Christmas Day, Mr. Bogert decided to take in the meet - enclosed you will find the result! It might also be of interest to add that Mr. Bogert is 92 years old, and not only writes poetry in his spare time, but is a composer and accomplished painter as well.

Sincerely,  
Sally S. Brown

Camden, S. C.

## ALL GLORY TO THE CAMDEN HUNT (Subject to Revision)

Remus:

What de matter wid dem dogs?  
Dey bark an' grunt like dey was hogs.

Jemima:

Now lissen, boy, I've always say-ed  
You ain't got nuthin' in you' haid.  
It jest as empty as a box  
Wid out a top or sides or locks.  
Dem is a famous pack of hounds  
Dat chase de fox wid leaps an' bounds.  
Dey ain't no dogs of low degree  
Dat hunt coons up a pecan tree.

Now dis ol' Fox am very sly  
An' dis I'm sure's the reason why.  
He know he's runnin' fo' his life,  
He loves his cubs an' p'haps his wife,  
So when he get where waters meet  
He paddle in an' wash his feet  
Of ebry little bit of scent,  
So hounds won't know which way he went  
An' dat's de reason, people say,  
De sly Fox always gets away.  
When he get home and close de latch  
He heave a sigh and say, "No catch".  
Den all his family, I suppose,  
Wipe his face and blow his nose.  
De Momma cries and says, "Oh, dear,  
I think you safe for one more year".

Now on dis happy Christmas morn,  
De huntsman blow upon his horn.  
He say, "Buckle yo' spurs upon yo' feet  
An' come and join de Camden Meet."  
Then mammas, poppas, girls and boys,  
Join dis best of Christmas joys.  
In an' out an' over de rails,  
Wid flashing eyes an' flying tails,  
Dey safely land, but wid a grunt,  
All glory to de Camden Hunt.

Beverley Bogert

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## Should Ponies Be Limited?

A sad Mexico City polo team returned from Oak Brook where they lost their first matches for both the National Open and Handicap tournaments. One might suspect that their ponies' twelve day trip, followed by two matches in one week, contributed to their defeat. Actually, this didn't appear to bother the ponies too much; they gave their all and played extremely well. In both games the scores were very close, being still tied at the fourth period in one and the fifth in the other. What many believed to be the decisive factor in their defeat was the small number of ponies, sixteen, pitted against others with as many as thirty ponies per team.

No one can deny that this is indeed a tremendous disadvantage in a game where the pony is estimated as counting anywhere from 60 to 75 per cent, at least for high goal polo. This is why, from time to time, movements have been started, especially in England, to limit the number of ponies played by any one team, to twenty.

It is all very well to say that the Mexicans were free to bring fifty ponies, if they wished, but it is ridiculous for players to complain about high costs when there is no limit to the ponies used in games.

For good fast polo, a pony can be expected to play two periods of a game well. Yet, there is no doubt that a team playing equally good ponies, but fresh ones for each period, will have the advantage. As long as such practices are perpetrated, those in authority cannot rightfully complain about the high costs of the game, nor the fact that it is difficult to attract new players and develop many more high-goal players. E.P.

## Bishop Hollow Polo

Sunday, Oct. 14th, witnessed a Round Robin Tournament at the Bishop Hollow Polo Grounds at Newtown Square, Pa. The first game brought together the Cadets of Valley Forge Military and the Lancaster Polo Club. This was a nip and tuck affair with Lancaster taking the honors by a score of 2 to 1. The defensive work of both teams was responsible for the low scoring.

In the second game between the Lancaster Polo Club and the Bishop Hollow Polo Club, the Lancaster men got the jump and ran up 6 goals mainly through the efforts of Gil Miller who was all over the field. And, the home team never could catch up.

The final phase of the Round Robin brought to grips the Bishop Hollow team

and General Bakers' cadets from Radnor, Pa. in a night cap thriller which finally ended in a tie score 2 to 2. The defensive work and the offensive work of Jack Ehmer and Jose Ramon was a beautiful thing to watch.

Lancaster Polo Club was declared the winner by virtue of scoring 8 goals whereas the other two teams scored 3 goals apiece.

V. F. M. A.  
1. R. Jones  
2. J. Ramon  
3. V. Garcia

Lancaster  
B. Forney  
G. Miller  
B. Carroll

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Scoring: Garcia 1, Miller 1, Carroll 1.  
V. F. M. A. 0 0 1 1  
Lancaster 1 1 0 2

Bishop Hollow Lancaster  
1. B. Gill B. Forney  
2. J. Ehmer G. Miller  
3. G. Flanagan B. Carroll  
Scoring: Ehmer 1, Forney 1, Miller 3,  
Carroll 2.  
Bishop Hollow 0 0 1 1  
Lancaster 3 3 0 6

Bishop Hollow V. F. M. A.  
1. Gill Jones  
2. Ehmer Ramon  
3. Flanagan Garcia  
Scoring: Ramon 2, Gill 1, Ehmer 1.  
Bishop Hollow 0 0 2 2  
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Referee: H. M. Swann.

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Total scoring: Lancaster 8, Bishop Hollow 3, V. F. M. A. 3.

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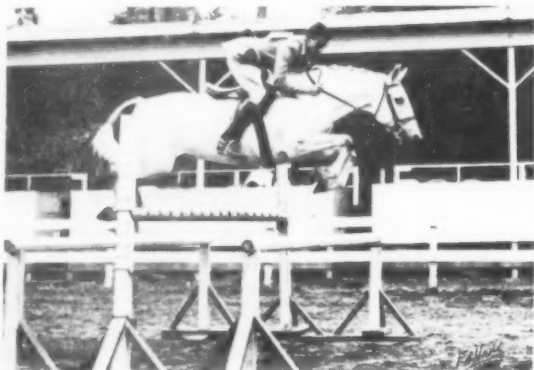
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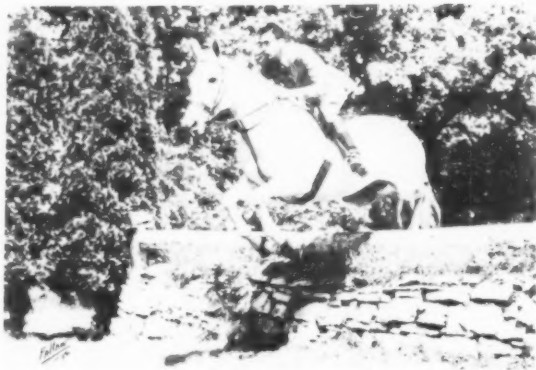
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## HORSE SHOWS

### Columbia

Good weather and a large number of entries helped to make Columbia's 8th Annual Winter Horse Show a big success. Grub Stake, Columbia Stables quarter horse made a clean sweep of the jumping classes and his stablemate Mystery Man placed first in two hunting classes and second in the third class to annex the championship of the show. Mrs. Richard Wiley was in the stirrup irons on both horses.

### Tryon Hunter Trials

The beautiful, rolling outside course at Mr. and Mrs. George Brannon's "Mulberry Farm" was the setting for the Tryon Hounds Fall Hunter Trials. This course, with its variety of fences - Aikens, post and rails, chicken coops and ditches - presents a real test to both horse and rider. The hardy souls who braved the cold wind and stayed to watch all of the classes, were rewarded by many outstanding performances. Dr. and Mrs. Fred Schell of Auburn, Ala. did an excellent job of judging and, on the basis of their performances throughout the afternoon, pinned Chinquapin Farm's CULPEPPER, George Webster riding, first in the final class, which was "the Award of My Favorite Hunter". Second place went to Fox Covert Farm's CHANCE LEAD, ridden by Glenn Wenger; third to SUGARBUSH, owned by Bright Stables and ridden by Bucky Bright; fourth to SALLY FORTH owned and ridden by Edith Hanna. These four horses earned points for "My Favorite Hunter Trophy" which will be awarded at the Spring Hunter Trials to the horse which has accumulated the largest number of points during the Fall and Spring Trials.

### Northumberland

Irish Don, chestnut Thoroughbred gelding, 5, schooled, and ridden by owner Mrs. Jack Hinkle, was the star performer, with three firsts, at the third annual hunter trials sponsored by Guilford Dudley, Jr., and held at his Northumberland Stud, Nashville, Tenn.

Contestants at this Thanksgiving afternoon program were drawn mostly from subscribers to the Hillsboro Hounds and from members of the Middle Tennessee Pony Club.

The Sponsor of the informal sporting event is president of the Midwest Hunt Race Association and owner of Here's Why, winner of three brush races on the 1956 Midwest circuit.

M. L. W.



### TRYON HOUNDS

CORRESPONDENT: Helen Hedekin.

#### SUMMARIES:

Open working hunters - 1. Culpepper, (Chinquapin Farm), George Webster; 2. Chance Lead, (Fox Covert Farm), Glenn Wenger; 3. Sugarbush, Bucky Bright; 4. Copperlea, Mrs. Vesta Joseph.

Hunters under saddle - 1. Chance Lead; 2. Sally Forth, Edith Hanna; 3. Ultimate Folly, (The Cotton Patch), Sgt. Marvin Hoyle; 4. Sugarbush.

Teams of three hunters - 1. Culpepper, Freckles, Arthur Farwell, Mary Soper, John Donald; 2. Sugarbush, Trouble, (Arthur Farwell), J. Arthur Reynolds, Naco, (Arthur Reynolds), Bucky Reynolds; 3. Ultimate Folly, Do-I-Dare, Mrs. Jane Gagnier, Chance Lead; 4. Copperlea, Spotlight (Mrs. Vesta Joseph), Mrs. Pat Hoel, Sally Forth.

The Award for My Favorite Hunter - 1. Culpepper; 2. Chance Lead; 3. Sugarbush; 4. Sally Forth.

### WATERLOO HUNT CLUB

CORRESPONDENT: Nancy Bonham.

PLACE: Grass Lake, Michigan.

TIME: Oct. 6.

JUDGE: Col. Gerald Peterson.

#### SUMMARIES:

Children's horsemanship, 12 yrs. & under - 1. Hope Forsyth; 2. Jimm Bonham; 3. Sharon Naughton; 4. Roger Beamish.

Junior horsemanship - 1. Victoria Buchen; 2. Mary Humphrey; 3. Pat Brown; 4. Julie Schneck.

Green hunters - 1. Sky Time, Lauray Farm; 2. Hearstone W. D. Haggard; 3. Shandygaff, Lauray Farm; 4. High Tally, Mrs. Gerald Helder.

Finals for the Michigan Hunt's perpetual challenge trophy - 1. Mr. Chocolate - Pat Brown; 2. Lively Sal, Victoria Buchen; 3. Country Cousin, Mary Humphrey; 4. Identification, John Walworth.

Working hunter - 1. High Tally; 2. Wedgewood, D. E. Robinson; 3. Miss McNeal II, F. D. Boudeman; 4. Ginoky, Lauray Farm.

Hunter pairs - 1. Personality, Jimmy Bonham, Happy, Roger Beamish; 2. Flanagan Howard Miller, Sonnino, Randy Grant; 3. Scotch Mist, B. J. Naughton, Corfew, W. F. Chandler; 4. Pat Pending, Donna Meininger, Blue Smoke, Lynn Cartier.

Hunters for juniors - 1. Major Mite, Victoria Buchen; 2. Blue Smoke; 3. Prince Andrew, Krystn Glancy; 4. Little King, Krystn Glancy.

Parkway memorial challenge trophy for qualified hunters - 1. Ginoky; 2. Victory, L. L. Trone; 3. Miss McNeal II; 4. Wedgewood.

Warren E. Curtis memorial challenge trophy for open hunters - 1. Victory; 2. Miss McNeal II; 3. Ginoky; 4. Prince Andrew.

Hunters under saddle - 1. Prince Andrew; 2. Sky Time; 3. High Tally; 4. Hearstone.

Corinthian - 1. Victory; 2. Major Mite; 3. High Tally; 4. Miss McNeal II.

Hunt teams - 1. The Bonham Family; 2. W. F. Chandler, B. J. Naughton, W. D. Haggard.

### HUNTINGDON VALLEY

CORRESPONDENT: Mrs. G. L. McCormick.

PLACE: Holcong, Pa.

TIME: Oct. 28.

JUDGES: Augustus Riggs, IV, Christopher Wadsworth. CHILDREN'S HUNTER CH: Muffin, Harold W. Schaefer, II.

RES: Saucy Sue, Juanita Andre.

HUNTER CH: Chappaqua, Mr. & Mrs. Henry D. Paxson.

RES: Top Bar, Mr. & Mrs. Henry D. Paxson.

#### SUMMARIES:

Green hunters - 1. Night Tourist, Mr. & Mrs. H. D. Paxson; 2. Roxanne, Kenneth Berol; 3. Tarquin Bay, Wissie Mumma; 4. Valdys Lady, Peggy Sacks.

Children's working hunters - 1. Muffin; 2. Saucy Sue; 3. Hoe Cake, Linda Everhardt; 4. Gillette, Alex Armstrong.

Hunters - 1. Top Bar, Henry D. Paxson; 2. Chappaqua, Mrs. Henry D. Paxson; 3. Silver Flares Ruth Van Sciver; 4. Gretchen, Kenneth Berol.

Children's hunter hack - 1. Gino Gem, Mandy McCormick; 2. Bonny, Joe Maloney Stable; 3. Saucy Sue; 4. Maxmillian, Charlotte Birrell.

Ladies' hunters - 1. Silver Flares; 2. Chappaqua; 3. Gillette; 4. Springback, Thomas J. Hamilton.

Children's pair - 1. Hickory Beau, Charlotte Birrell, Missy, Liz Holbert; 2. Muffin, Flicker, Holly Biddle; 3. Gillette, Bonny; 4. Saucy Sue, Sandpiper, Brook Miller.

Hunters - 1. Chappaqua; 2. Top Bar; 3. Roxanne; 4. Gretchen.

Hunt teams - 1. Saucon Valley, Constellation, Nan Carter, Hoe Cake, J. P., Sallie McNamara; 2. Huntingdon Valley, Gretchen, Chieftain's Son, Mr. & Mrs. Henry D. Paxson, Roxanne; 3. Huntingdon Valley, Night Tourist, Top Bar, Chappaqua; 4. Huntingdon Valley, Stephan Grey, David M. Freudenthal, Silver Flares, Gallant Briar, David M. Freudenthal.

### ARIZONA

CORRESPONDENT: Show Secretary.

PLACE: Phoenix, Arizona.

TIME: Nov. 17-18.

JUDGE: Clyde Kennedy.

#### SUMMARIES:

Bareback - 1. K4 Bisk, Mrs. W. G. Gilmore; 2. Tesuque Boots, John Derek; 3. Minnequa, Sylvia Hammond; 4. Watch Dog, Bobsie Castle.

Novice jumpers - 1. Free Friday, Diane Rosenzweig; 2. Sassy Brat, Suzette Herbueaux; 3. Cuantos Dineros, Gill Southam.

Open jumpers - 1. Scott's Rebel Kay Salmon; 2. Bar None, Flying Diamond Ranch; 3. Free Friday; 4. Sassy Brat.

Pony class - 1. Dusty, Mike Wakefield; 2. Little Bit, Parker Stables; 3. Punkin, Parker Stables; 4. Chip, Parker Stables.

Working hunter - 1. Flying Hi, Joanne Smoot; 2. Sassy Brat; 3. Free Friday; 4. The Witch, Dr. Pat Lynch.

English pleasure - 1. Sassy Brat; 2. Strange Planet, Sharon Wilson; 3. Free Friday; 4. Quick Tempo, John North.

Hunting seat horsemanship - 1. John North; 2. Suzette Herbueaux; 3. Diane Rosenzweig; 4. Sheryl Firth; 5. Skip Oursler.

Jumper stake - 1. Scott's Rebel; 2. Bar None; 3. Free Friday; 4. Flying Hi.

Hunter hacks - 1. Strange Planet; 2. Quick Tempo; 3. Cuantos Dineros; 4. Free Friday.

Open hunters - 1. Sassy Brat; 2. Flying Hi; 3. Big Irish; 4. Free Friday.

### SEASON'S GREETINGS

### Arkansas State Horse Show Association

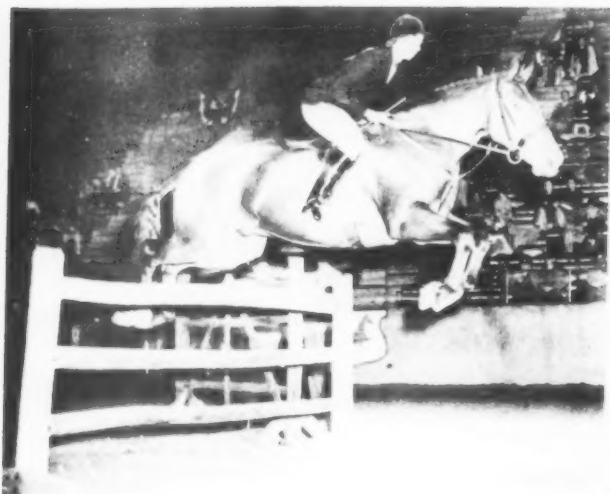
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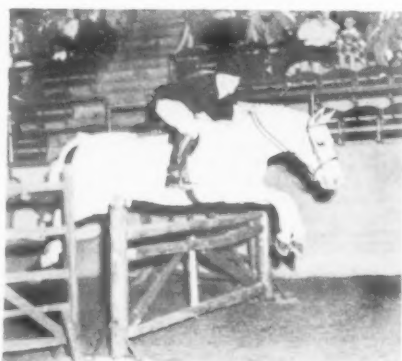
EDGEWOOD, owned by Carroll Herbert, Jane Richmond up was the CONFORMATION HUNTER CHAMPION.



JACKNIFE, Gardner Hallman up, owned by Claude W. Owen, scored the most points to garner the GREEN HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP. (Budd Photo)



SMOKEY JOE, owned by Billy Boyce III, Patsy Worrall up, MEDIUM PONY CHAMPION. (Darling Photo)



PINOCCHIO, owner Richard Zimmerman up, LARGE PONY CHAMPION. (Budd Photo)



BAMBI, owner Betsy Molesworth up, SMALL PONY CHAMPION. (Freudy Photo)



POWER FLIGHT, owned by W. Shawen, Kenny Smullen up, OPEN JUMPER CHAMPION. (Jean Firth Tyng Photo)



MUSCOVADO, owner Jane Koehler up, EASTERN SHORE CHAMPION.

## 1956 Maryland Awards

The Association of Maryland Horse Shows, Inc. offers annual awards to individual members whose recorded horses and ponies compile the greatest number of points in their respective divisions at member shows throughout the State.

A dinner-dance at the Southern Hotel on December 8th was the scene of the presentation of the annual awards of the Association of the Maryland Horse Shows for 1956. Presentation of all awards was made by Mr. Henry A. Dantry, president of the association.

Small pony - 1. Bambi, Betsy Molesworth, 162 pts in 12 shows; 2. Thane of Wales, Nancy Gorrell, 155 pts. in 18 shows; 3. Miles River Limelight, Mrs. G. W. Barner, 104 pts. in 10 shows; 4. Flycatcher, Mrs. Robert Huntman, 60 pts. in 9 shows.

Medium pony - 1. Smokey Joe, Billy Boyce III, Patsy Worrall, rider, 206 pts. in 14 shows; 2. Nutcracker, Richard Zimmerman, 162 pts. in 17 shows; 3. Pretty Penny, P. Todd Gore, 98 pts. in 11 shows; 4. Sky Rocket, Patricia Gorrell, 68 pts. in 17 shows.

Mrs. W. Graham Boyce of Bacon Hall Farm, Glencoe, Md., has presented a challenge trophy in the memory of her champion pony, Sugar Lump. The challenge trophy is awarded to the owner of the pony that accumulates the greatest number of points during the current year in Lead Line classes. The rider must not be over 6 years of age, and the pony is judged as a suitable companion to a small child.

Leadline - 1. Bambi, a small pony, Betsy Molesworth, Joan Hocheder, rider, 35 pts. in 9 shows of the 12 leadline classes this season.

The Association each year offers awards to the owners of horses that total the most points in classes, irrespective of divisions, in the shows held on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The horses must be stabled on, and owned by resident members of the Del-Mar-Va peninsula, 18 horses were in competition.

Eastern shore mount - 1. Muscovado, Effie Jane Koehler, 94 pts. in 8 shows; 2. Grey Saint, Blanche Jarvis, 90 pts. in 9 shows; 3. Power Flight, William Shawen, 78 pts. in 7 shows; 4. Rendition, Mrs. William Shawen, 74 pts. in 7 shows.

Large pony - 1. Pinocchio, Richard Zimmerman, 163 pts. in 16 shows; 2. Frosty Morn, Mrs. Robert Huntman, 71 pts. in 9 shows; 3. Northlite, Martha Sterbak, 65 pts.; 4. Fiddlesticks, Jon Gartrell, 43 pts. in 6 shows.

Junior Division: Open to ponies and horses suitable to their riders who have not reached their 18th birthday. There were 3 ponies and 32 horses in competition in 25 shows. The owner of the winning mount also receives the Straus Memorial Perpetual Trophy to be retained for one year. The trophy has been presented to the Association of Maryland Horse Shows, Inc. by Mrs. Henry Straus in mem-

ory of her husband who was an officer in this Association and a great sportsman, and did so much to encourage young riders.

Junior div: - 1. Edgewood, Carroll L. Herbert, Jane Richmond, rider, 113 pts. in 16 shows; 2. Muscovado, Effie Jane Koehler, 55 pts. in 8 shows; 3. Bandit, Nancy Lee Cobourn, 48 pts. in 9 shows; 4. Rendition, Mrs. William Shawen, Kenneth Smullen, rider, 43 pts. in 8 shows.

Green Hunter Div.: A green hunter is a horse which has not been shown at a recognized show prior to January first of the current year except as a four-year-old. 18 horses recorded in 25 shows.



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Green hunter - 1. Jacknife, Claude W. Owen, 119 pts. in 10 shows; 2. Grey Saint, Blanche Jarvis, 85 pts. in 10 shows; 3. Out of Print, Thomas F. Maher, Jr., 72 pts. in 10 shows; 4. Princess Jack, Gardner Hallman, 40 pts. in 6 shows.

Conformation Hunter, 25 recorded horses in competition in 19 shows - 1. Edgewood, Carroll Herbert, Jane Richmond, rider, 59 pts. in 10 shows; 2. Sky's Light, Claude W. Owen, 29 pts. in 4 shows; 3. Our Sister, W. H. O'Dell, Mr. & Mrs. Shepherd, riders, 26 pts. in 6 shows; 4. Ad Lib, Jerry Strong, 20 pts. in 3 shows.

Working Hunter, 33 recorded horses in competition in 27 shows - 1. Edgewood, Carroll Herbert, Jane Richmond, rider, 131 pts. in 20 shows; 2. Golden Venture, Louise Gilliam, 57 pts. in 9 shows; 3. Sky's Light, Claude Owen, 41 pts. in 6 shows; 4. Ad Lib, Jerry Strong, 40 pts. in 6 shows.

Open Jumper, 20 recorded horses in 25 shows - 1. Power Flight, William Shawen, 83 pts. in 8 shows; 2. One's Girl, Robert Gibbon, 63 pts. in 10 shows; 3. Lariat, George DiPaula, 62 pts. in 6 shows; 4. Miss Virginia, George DiPaula, 53 pts. in 7 shows.

Gittings Horsemanship Award: The Maryland Horse Breeders' Association, as part of its program to stimulate better horsemanship among the young riders in Maryland, awards medals to the winners of the Gittings Horsemanship classes in the shows of the Association of Maryland Horse Shows, Inc. Contestants must be

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First year award, bronze medal - Pamela Barner, Janet Goldberg, Beth Grey, Sue Sherwood, Frances Johnston, Robin Hughes, John Vordemberge.

Second year award, silver medal - Patricia Gorrell, Jimmie Zimmerman.

Third year award, gold medal - Bobbie Gardner, Richard Zimmerman.

Seventh year award, fourth gold bar - Billy Boyce, III.

Ninth year award, sixth gold bar - Martha Sterbak.

## BRITISH JUMPING TEAM SUCCESS

The following appeared in a recent issue of "Horse and Hound": "Since our show jumping team returned from the Olympic Games at Stockholm last June with bronze medals instead of gold ones it set some critics airing their views about the "decline" of British show jumping.

"In point of fact Britain has never enjoyed such a season of success in international competitions as the present one. Rotterdam was the sixth show this year at which they competed for the Nations Cup, and the fifth at which they won the trophy, the others being Lucerne, Stockholm, London and Dublin; at Ostend our team came second. Only nine riders made up the teams which scored these great victories.

"Some people have thought the Italian and German teams almost unbeatable on their present form, yet since the Olympic Games our representatives have met both at Stockholm and Rotterdam shows and have won on each occasion.

"20-year-old Dawn Palethorpe, has been the only member of our team to have shared in all five wins. Dawn, on her horse Earlsrath Rambler, jumped a total of 11 rounds competing for the Nations Cup, and nearly 190 fences, only two of which she brought down."



## BOOKS



HORSEMANSHIP BY COL. WALDEMAR SEUNIG. ORIGINALLY PRINTED IN GERMANY IN 1941. ILLUSTRATED, DOUBLE-DAY & CO., NEW YORK, 1956, \$8.50.

Almost any book has good points and every book has bad ones; their relative proportion determines the quality of the volume. On this score the book which I am reviewing is a good one. It should be stated at the outset, however, that it is not aimed at the average amateur rider in the United States today but rather at those few who are scholars of top flight dressage.

In ancient times the Greeks did not ride the way their Asiatic neighbors rode; England has always enjoyed equestrian sports rather than the academic manege riding (Dressage) which has been the province of the aristocracy of the European continent for something like three hundred years. Today, outside international competition which is a game for comparatively few, amateur riding in different countries is often more different than alike. Germany, for instance, is fascinated by scholastic Dressage, while we in this country rather incline to follow English sporting tradition in our Polo, foxhunting and jumping.

The original title of "Horsemanship" was "From the Pasture to the Capriole" and, consistent with the title, out of about 250 pages of the text only 26 pages come under the specific headings of cross-country riding, jumping and hunting. It is written on the principle that advanced Dressage is the ideal universal schooling for no matter what purpose. In this country schooling horses for fox-hunting or jumping is governed either by the traditionalism of country squires or by the principles of a method often referred to as forward schooling. The latter method, which is a method of specialization, suits us admirably, due to its simplicity.

Life in the United States and Canada is such that only very few have time for a complicated form of schooling, nor is patient, hard work in the character of an American when he does something for his enjoyment. Colonel Seunig represents a different culture, and this is why, of course, he can say about hunting that "It is the reward for the years of toil and effort involved in training the young horse" (p. 268). Obviously any method which requires years of toil is not for us. On many occasions I have trouble

putting across my own method of schooling hunters which doesn't take more than eight or nine months; I often hear that even this schooling time is too long.

"We have no intention of writing a riding manual" says the author and, true enough, for the most part "Horsemanship" is not a "how to do it" book in our sense. It is rather a sophisticated discussion of the finesses of riding and of the mechanics of the horses movements. For example: "The regular engagement of the hind-quarters is produced by muscular pulsations that are elicited by the central nervous system via the controls, and in turn they produce pulsation of the extensor and flexor muscles that extend along the spinal column through the neck, returning along the belly to the pelvis. These wave-like movements will be shorter or longer depending upon the framework, that is the degree of collection - provided the necessary impulsion is present." (p. 137)

It is interesting to note that for jumping Colonel Seunig recognizes the importance of the Italian method (the parent of our forward riding) but with certain reservations typical of a Dressage rider. He says:

"Though the method of training horses for riding use employed in Italy can hardly produce a dependable saddle horse that can be positively controlled in all situations and remain useful for a long time, it cannot be denied that successful jumping over obstacles is practically unthinkable today without the advantages of the Italian method of jump training - the Italian style which has been adapted by all equestrian nations." (p. 256)

When writing this in 1941 Colonel Seunig could not of course, foresee that a few years later the Italian international team would enjoy universal admiration and that one of its members, Raymondo d'Inzeo, would win the World Jumping Championship in Aachen in 1956.

As to the Forward Seat, Colonel Seunig recommends the least successful interpretation of it. He writes: "... the knee is the most important factor when shortened stirrups are used for faster gaits and for jumping.... since the rider is supposed to stand from his knees and not in his stirrups." (p. 62) This is just the opposite of what the more successful instructors teach in this country today. We consider that the rider in a forward position should ride from the stirrups. Although the knees form a part of the sustaining grip, "pinching" with the knees, we know, results in the general stiffening of the rider's body and also often causes the rider to be "left behind" at a jump.

I imagine that many confusing places in the book are merely the result of incompetent translation. For instance, on page 294 there is a chapter-heading: "Secondary Field (cross-country) School." The subjects discussed in this chapter include Pirouettes and "successive changes in leads after a certain number of strides".

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## Book Reviews

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What has all this to do with "cross-country" riding? I presume that the author used the word "field" in the sense of a "phase" of schooling or a "field" of work and I suspect that a non-riding translator inserted "cross-country" in parenthesis whenever he came across the word "field".

Summing up: - "Horsemanship" is a learned and excellently organized book about a very complicated method of schooling suitable for continental riders and some phases of international competition. It is, however, impractical for ordinary horsemen in this country. The illustrations which are brought up-to-date are very interesting.



KNOW YOUR HORSE, BY LT. COL. W. S. CODRINGTON, T. D., M. R. C. V. S., CO-WARD-McCANN, INC., NEW YORK, pp. 176, \$5.00.

Once in a great while the horse owner is presented with a book from which he can acquire an essential thorough understanding of his animal in health and sickness. When such a book is written with the realization that no husbandmen are more zealous for the welfare of their charges than horsemen, the result is a treatise combining technical and practical direction in a way which points up the need for both informed lay care and veterinary service. As Lt. Col. Codrington points out in his preface, "if the cause and pathological processes of the disease or lesion be ex-

plained and the reasons for any particular line of treatment be made clear, then the attendant will tackle the case with greater interest and care." Keeping in mind that first aid is the most that a layman can wisely perform without technical help, his book is a valuable contribution to horse management and husbandry.

Know Your Horse is organized simply and sensibly as a guide and handbook should be. Of its three parts, the first begins with a brief discussion of anatomy and physiology, with special reference to those parts and systems most vulnerable to disease. There is a summary of conformation, "because bad conformation predisposes to injury or disease." Finally, the author presents a glossary of the appreciable signs of health and disease, a brief groundwork for the body of his text.

The second part, Disease, begins with an explanation of the part played by the body under stress. Following a thorough appraisal of wounds, types and treatment, there is a discussion of lameness second to none that I have yet seen. Without any waste of words, the diagnosis, causes, treatment, and even limited prognosis of virtually all the common types are presented. Ensuing chapters cover diseases of digestion, respiration, circulation, the skin, the eye, and include special diseases such as strangles, tetanus, and fistulous withers.

Realizing that "all efforts should be directed towards..... the prevention of disease", Lt. Col. Codrington constructs part three around management, with special reference to the stable, the feet and shoeing, the broodmare and foal, the nursing of sick animals, and first aid remedies.

The entire book is organized so that the owner or attendant, while providing first aid and interim care for the sick animal, may do so intelligently and give diagnostic aid to the veterinarian if need be. Its special contribution is to point out how both can combine forces in caring for the horse - a combination which at present is all too rarely successful. M. P. M-S.

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and exhibitor, and we need both to make a horse show. This year at Chicago F.E.L. Rules were used in all jumping classes. Though there is some objection to this from a few exhibitors, most of them seemed gratified that their horses were jumping so well. It was apparent that the improved jumps, coupled with proper placement, brought about an average of six clean horses in each class, and jump-offs were over fences at heights of 5'6" and 5'9".

There is one other by-product of jumping such as one saw in Chicago; namely, that horses and riders evolve who are prospects for our International Jumping Team, and Mr. McCashin, a former

the various international teams is an excellent idea, I hope it will be carried out. If, however, it is not, I'd like to offer an alternative which seems to me almost as good: Let D. H. & P. W. Munroe judge the junior classes. I am not acquainted with the Munroes, but I have never read a more intelligent and discerning analysis of what commonly happens in junior equitation classes than the Munroes' report in your Nov. 23 issue.

Put those two judges in the ring and I think you'll see an improvement in horsemanship in junior classes.

Sincerely,

John Richard Young  
2416 N. Frederick Ave.  
Milwaukee 11, Wis.



SHOW RING JUMPS AT THE CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL.

Olympic competitor, stated he saw one or two excellent prospects.

The question is, where does one go to get plans for the construction of show-ring jumps? There are a number of foreign pamphlets available, showing pictures of properly constructed jumps. These must be interpreted into mechanical drawings, and I feel certain that if any show manager would write Mr. Joe Bricker c/o The Union Stockyards and Transit Company, Chicago, Illinois, he would be kind enough to send photostats or drawings which show dimensions, etc.

Yours for better show jumping through the medium of better jumps!

Dana Durand

Kansas City, Missouri

## Judging Juniors

Dear Sir:

Gerald H. Phipps' suggestion that junior equitation classes at the National might best be judged by the captains of

## 1956 Steeplechasing

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course, which had previously been within the center field, was replaced with a brand new turf course. Another change was that Delaware Park's steeplechasing ran for three weeks in place of the customary two. Perhaps the most important change of all was in the calibre of the Sport offered. Fifteen races were carded, and thirteen of these filled satisfactorily and in the main proved to be interesting contests. The meeting saw the development of Ring o' Roses and Caste to stakes caliber. These two horses between them accounting for three of the four stakes. The Indian River, which was won by Neji, drew a field of eleven and in many ways was the most notable Steeplechase stake of the year. Unfortunately, it was marred to some extent by the collision of the loose Sundowner with Carafar. As a direct result of this, Flint Schulhofer broke his leg which kept him on the ground for the remainder of the season. After a period of recuperation, Carafar got After a period of recuperation, Carafar again got to the races in the fall of the year,

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but he did not seem to be capable of the winning efforts he displayed formerly.

### Monmouth

As a harbinger of things to come, Cain Hoy Stable's Flying Fury captured the first hurdle race run at Monmouth Park this season. This ex-flat horse then went on to win two others including the richly endowed Midsummer Hurdle, the richest hurdle race in the world, which this year was worth \$22,000 with Flying Fury's share \$15,000.

Other than one previous race at Belmont Park during the spring, the Monmouth Park meeting was Flying Fury's final foray into the over-the-jumps division of racing before he again was returned to the flat at Saratoga. One thing that seemed to stand out is that Flying Fury's races over hurdles were not only profitable to his owner Captain Harry Guggenheim, but appeared to have sweetened an erstwhile sour horse. In two succeeding races on the flat, he ran second in the Saratoga Handicap and then won the Manhattan Handicap at Belmont Park in the fall.

Designed this year as an international race over hurdles and being on an invitational basis, the Midsummer Hurdle left something to be desired. Only five horses paraded postward. However, a great deal of credit is due to the management of Monmouth Park in its attempt to internationalize hurdle racing, and it may very well

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prove the beginning of successful races in succeeding years.

### Saratoga

Racing and training casualties in the brush division became particularly noticeable in August at Saratoga. Of the twenty-three races which were run during the month, only seven were contested over the larger fences, and three of these were stake events.

Frequently a promising young brush horse comes to the fore during the Saratoga meeting. This was not the case in the year under review, and generally speaking brush races at this point left something to be desired.

### Belmont Fall Meeting

In mid-summer the Trustees of the Greater New York Association decided to go forward with the plans for constructing a new Aqueduct with the result that while the race track itself was used for training purposes in the fall of 1956, old Aqueduct is fast becoming a memory and the new modern track is designed to be unwrapped sometime in late 1958 or early 1959. Belmont Park's fall meeting thusly opened on Labor Day and continued through mid-October. Some of the stakes formerly run at Aqueduct were carried over to the lengthened Belmont meeting, including the Harbor Hill over brush and the Bushwick over hurdles. Competition with the hunt meetings, particularly Fair Hill and Rolling Rock, coupled with a diminishing number of jumpers available in training, made it difficult to fill satisfactory races through the field. While twenty six of the twenty eight carded races were run, a number of substitutions were made and in almost every case a hurdle race was run in place of a scheduled steeplechase.

Montperlier's Shipboard won both the Broad Hollow and the Grand National as noted earlier, and these races did much to cement his bid for seasonal honors. The Brook Steeplechase, which was run between the Broad Hollow and the Grand National, provided the biggest upset of the year in Steeplechasing. Alvin Untermyer's Morpheus scored by seven lengths in good time, and beat the best horses then in training with the exception of Shipboard, which did not start in this race. This upset can be measured in a sense by his price which was 50 to 1. He was the extreme outsider of the field of nine horses.

### United Hunts

The two day meeting of the United Hunts at Belmont Park on October 16th and 17th were very successful. Jumping wise, John M. Schiff's French import Muguet 2nd won the Turf Writers over hurdles and stamped himself as one of the best of the year. By winning the Temple Gwathmey with Ancestor, the winner's share of \$37,450 placed Mrs. Ogden Phipps well on top of the money winning owners.

### Other Brush Campaigners

None of the other brush horses which raced against Neji and Shipboard seemed to be worthy foes of these two. The one exception to this would be L. R. Troiano's King Commander before injury sidelined him for the year. In the Corinthian at Belmont in the spring he carried 160 lbs., led to the last jump then gave way to Montadet under 137 lbs. in the run in on the flat. He appeared to be short in this race, which was borne out a week later when he won the International under 160 lbs. His third and last start during the year was in the Meadowbrook, where he led until the closing stages, then gave way suddenly and broke down in the running.

Brookmeade Stable's Bavaria got off to a late start, but the manner in which he won the Beverwyck Steeplechase at Saratoga gave promise of big things later in the year. Unfortunately for the Mistress of Brookmeade, as well as trainer Arthur White, Bavaria did not quite measure up to this in three succeeding starts, although he was in the money in two of these races.

Mrs. Ogden Phipps' Ancestor went postward six times during the year. In four of these races with little apparent excuse he showed to poor advantage. In contrast, his form in both the Harbor Hill and the Temple Gwathmey was brilliant. It is a pity that a horse of this class is not more consistent. Apparently his tendency to sulk was evident in his nature very early, and was one of the reasons why Ancestor left the Fitzsimmons' barn and was turned over to G. H. Bostwick to train for jumping.

Alvin Untermyer's Morpheus, only a four-year-old, may develop into a useful stakes horse over brush in the future. While he went postward thirteen times during the year with only two wins, one a relatively unimportant one at Adjacent Hunts over hurdles, and the other in the Brook as previously noted, it is quite possible that his handlers had difficulty in getting the horse just right. On his best, or near best form he was a factor to be reckoned with. Most of the other horses which won stakes over brush during the year were either retired early from racing or training injuries, or were not sufficiently raced to intelligently gauge their ability.

### Betting

Throughout the season at all the major tracks, a very encouraging note was the increased public interest in wagering on jumping races. To a large extent this was due to a slowly growing realization that form over the jumps is much more consistent than flat racing, and there is also growing confidence in, and knowledge about, the riders, the owners and the trainers, whose integrity and ability has done much to reestablish major track steeplechasing since the war years.

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of two articles. The second will deal with the hurdle division and the leading personalities of the season.)

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# In the Country



## HUNGER HILL

Hunger Hill, the much-loved veteran hunter who carried Honorary Whipper-In Harman McBride of the Chagrin Valley Hunt behind hounds for twelve seasons ended his long career at Mr. and Mrs. McBride's Fox Hollow Farm. Early on November 29th this son of Haphazard, out of Edna Stack, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, after which he jumped a high gate separating his pasture shelter, where he lived with a pony in semi-retirement, from the main stable. He was found propped up against the outside of his old stall. Partial paralysis permitted him to move only in one direction with the result that he had to be destroyed. He was in his twenty-first year. Hunger was a big brown Thoroughbred, seventeen hands with great depth and plenty of bone. A reproduction of a painting of him and his stablemate Trinculo by Milton Menasco appeared on the cover of *The Chronicle* of April 25, 1952. He was foaled on Hunger Hill Farm near Charlottesville, hence his name. As a young horse he was shown a good deal both in Virginia and the Chagrin Valley and was never out of the ribbons. It was in the hunting field, though, that he was at his best. He loved hounds and knew the meaning of every call on the horn. The Chagrin Valley Hunt records show that for a number of seasons he was hunted more often than any other horse.

Several years ago it seemed fitting to retire Hunger Hill, but injuries to his stablemates prevented his ever staying retired for long. He seemed to like it that way. Three times he was brought up from retirement to fill out a season. Actually he hunted all through this year's cubbing and even enjoyed a fine hunt just five days before he died.

## ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bedford of Fox Hill Farms, Fallston, Maryland announce the engagement of their daughter Daphne to Mr. Charles Dennehy, Jr. of Lake Forest, Illinois. Miss Bedford is a regular follower of the Elkridge-Harford Hunt and skier of note. Mr. Dennehy was a member of the U. S. Equestrian Team in 1955.

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## TRAINER GREEN HIED FOR WINNING RACE

In a recent interview with Oscar Otis, Stanley Green of Leesburg, Virginia, who trains the horses of Eugene Constantine, had the following story to tell: "I saw a horse called Slim Chance in the entries the other day," recalls Green, "and it reminded me of the time when I was seven and played hookey from school to ride a horse by that name in a jump race. Unfortunately for me, although I won the race, my folks happened to show up at the one-day meet as spectators. Dad commended me for my riding, but he also whaled me for playing hookey. But dad understood. He was with the stable of E. B. McLean for many years and participated in the races himself not long ago. He was 54, and rather out of practice for hard riding, but he accepted mounts in two five-mile point-to-point races the same afternoon. He won the first and finished second in the other."

## DRESSAGE HORSES IMPORTED

Fritz Stecken of Croton-on-Hudson recently returned from Germany where he purchased four dressage horses, three of them for the account of Mrs. Josephine McIntosh of Bedford Village, New York. From the German Olympic Committee he secured Scipio (Oleander-Schwarzweis), a 12-year-old Thoroughbred bred at the Schlenderhan Stud. This horse would have been ridden by Reiner Klimke, representing Germany in the Olympic Games, but was prevented from doing so by a minor injury on the way to the Dortmund Show in March. Another horse frequently ridden in competition by Reiner Klimke is Instagrass, a 7-year-old by a Thoroughbred sire out of an East Prussian dam and a full brother to Adular, individual Bronze Medal winner at the Stockholm Olympic Games. The third horse is Siphon by a standard bred sire out of a Thoroughbred dam, a 5-year-old which has received only limited training. Mr. Stecken also purchased a fourth horse, Goldlack, for Mrs. Howard Serrell of Greenwich, Connecticut, a note on which was recently published in *The Chronicle*.

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## POTOMAC ONE DAY EVENT

The first Three Phase One Day Event was produced in the Potomac Hunting Country, Sunday, December 2. Starting at noon, twenty-two competitors completed Obedience, Cross Country, and Stadium Jumping events by 4 P. M. An elementary but thorough Obedience Test was designed and judged by Major Gustave Van Hover, (Belgian Military Attache).

The "promoters", J. C. K. Shipp and R. A. Beer built a cross country course through a nearby wood, one mile in length. The official time was 4 minutes. The obstacles included aikens, coops, post and rails, natural poles, water 4 feet wide, down bank, up bank, ditch 4 feet wide and board fence, a total of fourteen. Stadium jumping consisted of a paddock containing fourteen jumps in a course requiring ten separate turns.

The winner of the "Piney Glen Perpetual Trophy" was Bob Beck, riding High Voltage with the excellent score of plus 65. Second was M. F. H. Samuel E. Bogley on Shady Lady, with a plus 21. The "Beer Stein" trophy for novice horses was earned by Mary Goodfellow, minus 46 points, a competitor in British Three Phase Events. M. McConihe was second on Happy Easter. "Shipp's Biscuit Trophy" for Juniors was won with a plus 27 by Judy Hougan on Honeymoon; she was riding captain of our successful Pony Club "C" team. Daffodil Ryan on Blondie scored minus 5 for second.

The course was laid over the properties of the George Palmers', Moran McConihe's and Godfrey Kauffman's. Ray Norton, and Commissioner McConihe were our judges.

## MRS. NANCY DEED

Readers of *The Chronicle* will be very sorry to hear of the tragic death of Mrs. Nancy Deed who was electrocuted in her bathroom in the early part of December. Mrs. Deed was one of England's leading pony breeding experts being on the judging panel of all the Pony Breed Societies, and had several contacts with the United States, as she had exported several Shetlands. It was a shock to the horse and pony world in England as she was a most delightful person.

M. W.

## HUNTING ACCIDENT

Mrs. Ted Bachmann, Jr., Honorary Secretary of the Oakbrook Hounds has been confined to her home as a result of a hunting accident in which she broke her collar bone.

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# BRITISH PONY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

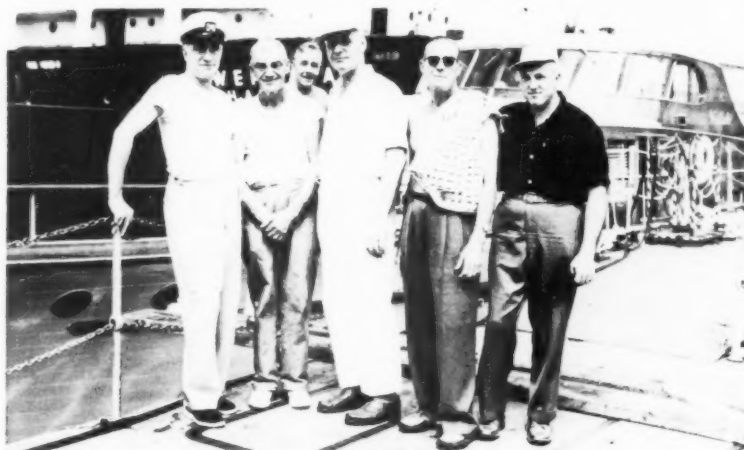
518 riders on 125 teams representing 139 branches competed in 11 Area Competitions to select the finalists for the British Pony Club championship event held September 13th at High Grove, Tetbury, Glos. The team representing the Beaufort Hunt was the winner which included Christopher Carruthers, riding Benjamin, who won the individual members' championship and boys' championship. The Associates' Championship was won by Alistair Clark on Polonaise representing the Holcombe Branch and the advanced championship by Ann Turk on Startright representing the Southdown Branch. The Beaufort Hunt thereby became the first branch to win the team championship cup for the second time. In the same issue of "Horse and Hound" reporting these

# COMBS HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Leslie Combs II, owner of Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, Ky., recently returned home from the hospital where he underwent surgery last month.

# LADY HORN BLOWER

Our correspondent, Major J. Fairfax-Blakeborough, notes a horn blowing competition recently held by the Glaisdale Hunt in the north of England which was won by Miss Olga Ostergard, hunt secretary. He comments, "So far as I know this is the first time a lady has competed in, let alone won, such a competition." We should like to call Major Fairfax-Blakeborough's attention to Mrs. John B. Hannum, M. F. H. and huntsman of Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds, who won the horn blowing contest at the Bryn Mawr Hound Show in 1955.



**VIRGINIA HORSEMEN IN PANAMA** - Laurens Hamilton takes a party of friends from Warrenton, around the Caribbean on the yacht Westlake - (L. to r.) - Mr. Hamilton, Harry Crawford, F. W. Brunt, Captain of M. S. Werrata, Col. C. C. Jadwin and Marshall Hawkins. (Hawkins Photo)

results appears a letter pointing out that "the stated aim of the competition is to stimulate among the future generation a greater interest in riding as a sport and recreation", and objecting that "the Pony Club member of today is fast being imduced with a competitive complex."

# QUEEN'S INSTRUCTOR

Henry Owen, 78, former head groom to the late King George VI at Windsor Castle, recently died at Windsor after having served the Royal family for over half a century. Owen gave the present Queen her first riding instruction when she was 7 years old.

# DENNIS CROTTY

Long time favorite and Second Whipper-In of the Moore County Hounds, Mr. Dennis (Nick) Crotty took a nasty spill on the Junior Hunt, November 24th. Mr. Crotty is recuperating at his winter home in Pinehurst. He is missed by the entire hunting field, all having been receivers of his warm personality and friendliness and by the Hunt Staff to whom he has given generously of his time and help. Everyone hopes Mr. Crotty will be back hunting before the season is much older; he is greatly missed. P. S.

# THREE DAY EVENT IMPROVEMENTS

Writing in the November issue of "Riding", Stella A. Walker makes the following suggestions for improving the conditions under which Three Day Events are contested:

1. Teams should be composed of four members. The best marks of three to count. Thus elimination of one horse would not eliminate the team as a whole and the urgency of making an exhausted horse pass the finishing post would be lessened.
2. After two falls a horse should take no further part in the event. He may fall from sheer bad luck so as to knock a lot of the stuffing out of him, but more probably he will fall from tiredness. In either case he should not be asked to continue.
3. The maximum height of the last eight obstacles should be reduced, so that tiring horses are not asked to perform the impossible.
4. Some method of quick release for horses which become entangled in trakehner-type fences must be evolved - and not only at the Olympic Games.

# McGUINNESS BUYS 3 DAY HORSES

L. J. McGuinness, non-riding Captain of the Canadian 3 Day Event Olympic Team, has bought the bay mare Colleen and the bay gelding Steelworker from Jim Boylen, Toronto, Canada. The two horses were purchased in England for the Olympic Team. Colleen was bought by Mr. Boylen and used on the Team by Jim Elder. Steelworker was bought for the Olympic Team and raffled to supporters. Mr. Boylen was the lucky person in the draw and got Steelworker too. The gelding was not used at Stockholm being a spare. A. D. R.

# BANANA PEEL

Baron Alexis Wrangel, well-known to many Chronicle readers as an enthusiastic rider of jumpers, who is currently representing the Tolstoy Foundation in Beirut, Lebanon writes: "Things are interesting and lively down our way, where we stand with one foot in the air and the other firmly planted on a banana peel."

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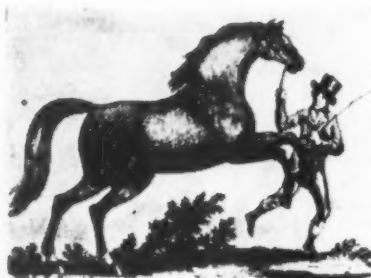
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